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Separatist lawyer offers services

Keegstra has his friends

By
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EDMONTON —
Jim Keegstra, the former Eckville high school teacher charged with promoting hatred of Jews, is not without friends.

In British Columbia, a lawyer has offered to act on his behalf, while in Alberta, an organization calling itself the Christian Defence League has risen to his support.

Victoria lawyer Doug Christie, a founder of the Western Canada Concept Party, has made an application to the Alberta Law Society to be admitted to the Alberta bar. The lawyer has indicated he wishes to defend Keegstra, and sources in Alberta indicate that is the likely scenario.

The CDL, founded before Keegstra was charged, supports Keegstra's political beliefs and has offered to pay his legal fees, according to Alberta sources.

While the CDL will not reveal the size of its membership, sources indicate it is a small group of people at the far right of the political spectrum who share Keegstra's beliefs.

The CDL met recently at Keegstra's home and accepted Christie's offer to defend him.

While support for Keegstra may appear spontaneous, a common thread links Christie and the CDL to Keegstra. All have a strong connection to the now splintered Western Canada Concept Party — the party of Western separation.

Terry Long, the president of the CDL, is a former member of the WCC and was its candidate in the Alberta riding of Lacombe. Christie is one of the founders of the party and currently is leader of the BC branch, while Keegstra was once a member of the party, as well.

Keegstra was to appear in court in Red Deer on Feb. 1 (after this issue of The CJN went to press) at which time the trial date was to be set. It was not expected that Christie would have his license in time for the first court appearance and that Keegstra would handle his own defence — probably by just entering a plea.

Shamir beats back opposition

JERUSALEM —
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's government last week successfully defeated three opposition non-confidence motions by a vote of 62-56, after a last-minute agreement with a key coalition partner.

But his Likud-led coalition continued to be troubled by the economy and demands by Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres calling for early elections.

The opposition motions were brought in response to Israel's record-breaking runaway 190.7% inflation rate and a report asserting that 500,000 Israelis — one in every eight — were now living below the poverty line.

The vote followed cabinet approval of a $20.1 billion budget. It involved a 9% cut in government spending, an overall slashing of $600 million.

The cutbacks included $169 million from the defence budget, hitherto virtually sacrosanct, and substantial reductions in spending for education and other items.

In a TV speech, Shamir sharply rejected the report claiming that 12% of Israel's population lived below the poverty line. He pointed out that it was issued by the National Insurance Institute, which was controlled by the Tami Party, a minority Likud coalition partner that speaks for the Sephardic working class.

According to Shamir, the poorer classes are better off today than

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Shamir plea fails

Kohl remains firm on Saudi arms sale

By
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Helmut Kohl, describing himself as "a representative of the new Germany," said last week upon leaving Israel that West Germany would sell Saudi Arabia advanced military equipment despite Israeli objections.

Winding up a 5-day official visit to the Jewish state, the purpose of which, he said, was to build a "bridge over the terrible abyss of the past," Kohl disappointed his Israeli hosts by making it clear that the $5 billion arms deal would go ahead as apparently planned.

It was reported, too, that the Germans would provide Syria with 30,000 bullet-proof vests.

West Germany's fourth largest oil supplier, Saudi Arabia reportedly has asked for Gepard anti-aircraft tanks, Roland ground-to-air missiles and Marder armored personnel carriers. West Germany claims that the Saudis do not want its Leopard II tanks, reported to be the best in the world.

From the moment Kohl landed in Israel, to the strains of Deutschland Uber Alles, Israeli officials from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir down appealed to the 53-year-old German leader not to provide Saudi Arabia with weapons.

The West Germans, weighed down by an anti-semitic legacy bequeathed to them by Hitler and a succession of fascist ideologies, promised to consider Israel's "legitimate interests," as West Germany's ambassador to Israel put it.

But Kohl, having listened to Israel's appeals, decided to disregard them. Kohl and his deputy foreign minister, Alois Mertes, stated in separate interviews with West German television that the Saudis would get their weapons.

Kohl, after reviewing Israel's position, said: "We have heard their arguments, but decisions on that matter are taken in Bonn, not in Jerusalem."

West Germany's decision had been foreshadowed a few days earlier when Kohl reportedly told Shamir that his mind was made up, and when Kohl's spokesman, Peter Boenisch, said that "the solution to the Middle East problem does not depend on weapon sales to any country."

However, Boenisch said that West Germany would insist on Saudi guarantees that the equipment not be sold to any third party — such as the PLO.

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Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir greets West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who visited Israel last week. [AP wirephoto]

Oil found at Negev site adds a trickle to needs

TEL AVIV [UPI] —
Oil was found at a drilling site in Israel's Negev desert in the Jewish state's first commercial strike since the late 1950s, a consortium of companies said last week.

The Gurim No. 4 well south of the desert city of Arad produced 100 barrels a day. The field is estimated to contain several million barrels of oil.

Israel needs 150,000 barrels of oil a day to meet domestic demand, so the new find is unlikely to significantly reduce its near total dependence on foreign oil imports.

The Israeli Yoel company, which has a 25% stake in the well, informed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange of the oil find, sparking a 10% rise in prices of oil stocks.

Other partners in the Gurim No. 4 well are: East Mediterranean Oil and Gas Ltd., the operator for the group, Isramco, a U.S. company; and Delek, the Israel fuel corporation.

Colorful ceremony welcomes Israeli ambassador

By
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OTTAWA —
Israel's 10th ambassador to Canada, Eliashiv Ben-Horin, presented his letters of credence to Governor-General Ed Schreyer here last week, in a brief but colorful ceremony at Government House.

Ben-Horin, in his early 60s, is a career diplomat who previously served as ambassador in Burma, Argentina and Belgium. He is one of only two Israeli diplomats to carry the title ambassador extraordinaire, because of his many years in the foreign service.

Ben-Horin, accompanied by his wife Nahama, was introduced to members of the government and representatives of the Governor-General's household before joining the four officers of the Israel embassy and their wives in the foyer of Rideau Hall.

Representatives of both Canada and Israel, wearing formal morning dress and uniforms, were then escorted into the ballroom for the presentation and welcome by the Governor-General, in the name of the Queen.

Ben-Horin expressed pleasure with his Canadian appointment. "Israel has always highly valued the understanding and goodwill she has found in Canada for the fundamental hopes and aspirations of an old people determined to defend its hard-won independence and develop a creative society in peace and security," he said.

"Canada is deeply respected in Israel for her great achievements in every . . . human endeavor," Ben-Horin said. He pointed to Canadian "devotion to national and personal freedom . . . determination to maintain and enhance her specific identity within cultural diversity" and to Canada's "constant willingness to assume a share of responsibility for peacekeeping in the world."

He added, in French, that he intends to devote every effort to the deepening of ties between Canada and Israel.

He expressed his willingness to meet with Israel's critics as well as those who share common goals, both in the government and within the public.

Schreyer, in accepting the letters of credence sent by Israel's President Chaim Herzog, reiterated Canada's support for the Jewish state.

"The close ties which Canada shares with Israel are based upon mutual respect, common democratic political institutions and many shared objectives," he said. "The traditions and values of the Jewish people, embodied in the modern State of Israel, are much respected and admired in Canada," he added.

Schreyer pointed to a number of visits between Canadian and Israeli cabinet ministers as a healthy sign of "growth and development in Canada's traditional friendly relations with Israel."

He said there has been a significant number of agreements and understandings in trade, agriculture, health and cultural relations over the years, but the emphasis has been on the bilateral trade relationship.

While Schreyer stressed that "Canada has never wavered in this fundamental commitment" in support of Israel, he did express Canadian concern for a "just and lasting peace in the Middle East. . . . It is our sincere hope that meaningful negotiations will soon begin among the parties concerned in the dispute," he said.

Following the ceremony, the ambassador and the Governor-General met privately for a closed-door discussion, before celebrating the accreditation with a traditional coupe de champagne.

Michael Doyle, deputy chief of protocol, left, stands by as Israel's new ambassador to Canada, Eliashiv Ben-Horin reads his letter of credence to Governor-General Ed Schreyer, right. [Jean-Marc Carisse photo]

World-National

Israel-U.S. love feast could sour

By
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The love feast in Washington is now several months behind us. It was a time when Prime Minister Shamir was wined and dined and a quasi-alliance between the United States and Israel was mooted. All of the top brass of the U.S. were trotted out to fete the diminutive head of the Jewish state and, on the whole, the press on both sides of the ocean was very good and highly optimistic.

Rabbi Plaut

I was not, and I am not now. It is my view that the **short-range** objectives of the two countries run parallel, but beyond these there are issues on which disagreements between Washington and Jerusalem have been and will continue to be present.

Short-range: Syria is to be contained, and with it her arms supplier and major ally, the Soviet Union. A stable and viable government is to be formed in Lebanon which would be neutral in Israel's conflict with the confrontational states and which, if possible, would honor the peace treaty that had been hoped for in 1983.

Both the U.S. and Israel are democracies which have a natural affinity for each other, and the large Diaspora community in the West, especially in an election year, makes these parallel interests even stronger.

Long-range: Both countries want a viable peace, but the terms on which Israel desires it are quite different from those envisaged by Washington. The latter wants Israel to give up far more than at least at present it is prepared to do. American plans for the West Bank and Jerusalem go beyond what the majority of the Israeli population would currently accept.

Political differences

America considers Hussein's Jordan a quasi-ally, while Israel considers the country a quasi-enemy.

The United States will go ahead with establishing ever closer relations with Egypt, even if that country does not warm up its current "cold peace" with Israel or even goes back to the old Arab alignments.

America's chief interest in the Middle East (outside of Israel) is and remains Saudi Arabia because of its vital position in supplying oil to the West and to Japan, and it will continue to coddle the endangered regime of its monarch.

Overall, America's long-range objective is a containment of Soviet Russia in which Syria plays an important but not a key role. America's interests extend to the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean, while Israel has to confront its neighbors at its own doorstep.

It so happens that the two countries agree on immediate objectives, one of which quite clearly is the honorable withdrawal of the American Marines from Beirut. At the same time the Israeli public wants Israel's army as well to be withdrawn from South Lebanon. However, it is to be surmised that Israel promised that it would not pull back its own troops until the Marines have gone home, which means that the two pressures — each one from the home community — are in some conflict. The United States would consider it a major breach of trust were the Israeli troops to withdraw before the Marines.

All of which adds up to what appears obvious to me: the old standing political differences between the United States and Israel have been papered over for the time being but the cracks will soon begin to show again. Israel was unhappy over Arafat's embrace by Egypt, while the United States saw in it a sign of hope. When the PLO leader goes next to Jordan these same differences will doubtlessly be exacerbated. The only reason that they will not break out into the open and deteriorate into the type of coolness which we have experienced in the past is the fact that 1984 is an election year — and in such a year many things are put on temporary hold.

Mubarak brings country out of isolation

Arab world welcomes Egypt back

By
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In an apt turn of phrase, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat once compared the Arab world without Egypt's historic leadership to a riderless horse.

The "horse" still has no "rider," but this scenario is gradually changing.

Egypt, ostracized by the Arabs for having signed a 1979 peace treaty with Israel, has begun to reassert itself as the dominant and preeminent Arab power.

For the past five years, Syria and Iraq — traditional rivals — have attempted to preempt Egypt, but without much success. Syria has enormous influence in Lebanon and in radical countries like Libya and South Yemen, but its clout is otherwise rather limited.

Iraq, having had illusions about filling the vacuum in the Persian Gulf left by the 1979 Iranian revolution, squanders its strength and resources in a war of attrition with Iran.

No single Arab regime, in short, has been able to emulate the Egypt of Gamal Abdul Nasser and, in the early part of his rule, of Anwar Sadat.

Although the Arab economic and diplomatic boycott of Egypt remains in place, Egypt under President Hosni Mubarak has begun to break out of its isolation.

Last month, the 42-member Islamic Conference Organization met in Casablanca and, in an important and probably far-reaching development, voted to readmit Egypt after a suspension of five years.

Prince Talal Ibn Abdel-Aziz of Saudi Arabia with Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak. [AP Wirephoto]

Syria, Libya and South Yemen protested, but to no avail. With backing from Arafat, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, where the original decision to boycott Egypt had been taken, Egypt was welcomed back into the fold.

Egypt did not have to renounce the Camp David Agreement to be readmitted, although Egypt will be expected to endorse Islamic and Arab policy in the future. And this shouldn't be too difficult for Egypt, since Mubarak is nearly in accord with all aspects of mainstream Arab views.

It wouldn't be stretching reality too much to say that Arafat's Dec. 22 visit to Cairo — the first by an Arab leader who broke with Egypt after 1979 — contributed to its readmittance to the Islamic Conference Organization.

Arafat went to Egypt after having been driven out of Lebanon by pro-Syrian dissidents dissatisfied with his tactics toward Israel and his leadership style. In order to bolster his status in the eyes of his fellow Palestinians, Arafat needed a strong Arab ally, and he found one in Egypt.

It wasn't strange that he chose Egypt, for Arafat had been saying that Egypt could "protect my back against Zionist wolves and Arab dogs."

Egypt gave Arafat the protection and prestige he sought because it wanted to play a role in Middle East diplomacy and thereby ease its way into the ranks of Arab favor.

Last February, Arafat infuriated Mubarak when he endorsed a Palestine National Council resolution in Algiers condemning the Camp David Accord and calling upon the "Egyptian people and their national forces" to work for the abrogation of the peace treaty with Israel.

But Mubarak, who has long advocated the establishment of an independent Palestinian state and Israel-PLO mutual recognition, let bygones be bygones for the sake of advancing his national interests.

That Mubarak is using the PLO for his own purposes is hardly surprising. It will be recalled that Nasser, the ultimate Arab politician who dreamed of pan-Arab unity, was instrumental in the creation of the PLO 20 years ago, considering it to be a means of assisting Egypt in its struggle for regional hegemony against Syria.

Now that Arafat and Mubarak are bosom friends, observers expect the Egyptians to be quite active in promoting a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The Egyptians have already asked France to relaunch its 1982 peace initiative. And Osama El Baz, Mubarak's principal advisor, has announced he will meet King Hussein of Jordan and Arafat in an effort to work out a new approach on negotiations with Israel on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Mubarak, who is particularly close to the Jordanian monarch, sent his officials to Amman recently to sign a trade protocol with Jordan. And in the summer of 1983, Egypt signed a similar agreement with Iraq, and the Iraqi foreign minister paid a visit to Cairo for the first time since 1979.

Though Egypt is technically on the Arab boycott list, Arab investment in Egypt has increased. Moreover, the majority of Arab countries have informal diplomatic and cultural relations with Egypt.

These relations extend far deeper than those Egypt has with Israel.

Saudi Arabia, which invariably follows the broad lines of Arab policy, has maintained links with Egypt as well. Early last month, Prince Talal Ibn Abdel-Aziz, King Fahd's half brother, became the first senior member of the ruling House of Saud to go to Egypt in five years.

Talal, the president of an independent financial foundation, does not have official status in the Saudi government. But his presence in Cairo was clearly symbolic of how far Egypt has traveled down the road of rehabilitation.

Few observers dispute the theory that Egypt's correct but cool relations with Israel have helped Mubarak mend his fences with the Arabs.

Since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, and the subsequent Lebanese Christian massacre of Palestinian refugees in the Sabra and Shatila camps, Israel's relationship with Egypt has gone from bad to worse.

This so-called "cold peace" has been exacerbated by the refusal of the Egyptians to return their ambassador to Israel.

No one seriously expects Mubarak to sever his ties with Israel, for such a drastic move would not serve his ends. But it is assumed that Mubarak will not go out of his way to repair the damage that has been done to Israel-Egypt relations.

Instead, it is thought, he will concentrate on steering Egypt back into the centre of the Arab world. And this objective, should it be achieved, may well be Mubarak's legacy as Sadat's successor.

Patrilineal decision defended

A way to contain decline

NEW YORK —

Reform Jewry's decision last year to give paternal descent equal weight with maternal lineage in determining Jewish identity was defended here by a leading Reform leader.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, told a recent American Jewish Congress symposium that the patrilineal decision attempts "to contain" the decline in Jewish numerical strength caused by the high rate of intermarriage "and, if possible, to convert that loss into a gain."

However, the patrilineal descent policy set forth last March in a resolution passed by the Central Conference of American Rabbis — a Reform organization — was sharply criticized by another speaker at the symposium, Rabbi Irving Greenberg, a well known Orthodox rabbi who is president of the National Jewish Resource Centre. He said the Reform movement's decision to reverse tradition by giving patrilineal and matrilineal descent equal weight was a "triumph for ethics, feminism, sociology and Americanism" but a "defeat for halacha and the totality of the Jewish people."

Rabbi Greenberg called the patrilineal decision "a corruption, not a reform."

He said it was "a move to dismiss the significance of biology" in determining Jewishness and to make Jewishness "totally volitional." He termed it a "betrayal of ultimate Jewish values" and "enormously costly."

Greenberg noted that a study of mixed marriage families by Brooklyn College sociologist Egon Mayer suggested that when a parental act of conversion to Judaism takes place, there is a 45% likelihood that a mixed marriage child will also intermarry — a percentage about equal to that for children in families where both parents are Jewish by birth. But when the non-Jewish spouse in a mixed marriage does not convert, the likelihood that the children of such a union will intermarry jumps to 92%, Greenberg said.

He charged that a patrilineal descent rule reduces the incentive for conversion among non-Jewish mothers by automatically granting Jewish status to their children through the Jewish spouse.

A third participant in the symposium was Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, a Conservative body. He acknowledged his personal support for the extension of Jewish identity on a patrilineal basis but noted that his organization had defeated past efforts to introduce such a resolution. The reason, he noted, was Judaism's traditional "deep-seated repugnance to intermarriage" and the ensuing fear that intermarriages would be encouraged by a patrilineal rule.

In his presentation, Schindler said that the matrilineal principle has not existed throughout Jewish history. "Quite the contrary, there was a time in Jewish life when the patrilineal principle was dominant, when children were considered Jewish primarily because their fathers were Jewish even though their mothers were not," he pointed out.

He said that while Jewishness automatically has been conferred through genealogy, under Reform Judaism's new guideline "genealogy is not enough." It specifies that Jewishness cannot only be presumed but "must be expressed in some concrete way through an involvement in Jewish life and the willingness to share the fate of the Jewish people."

Schindler said that the patrilineal descent ruling does not alter Reform Judaism's opposition to intermarriage, but merely recognizes the reality of such unions.

Remarkable progress made

Canadian interfaith dialogue unique in world

By
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MONTREAL —

For seven years, leading Canadian clergymen and laymen — Jews, Catholics and Protestants—have been getting together regularly for no other reason than to talk frankly about whatever may be on their minds at the time.

It's not the stuff of headlines, but 3-way interfaith dialogue at this level and intensity is unique in the world, according to the founding chairman of the National Tripartite Liaison Committee, Bishop Eugene LaRocque of Cornwall, Ont., who had that fact confirmed while at an international gathering at the Vatican about a year ago.

The committee, as such, does not make public statements, has never taken a united stand on a single issue, and has no immediate intentions to do so. The average church or synagogue member may not even be aware of its existence. Yet its members see what has evolved between them since they first met in 1977 as extraordinary.

The NTLC was formed largely through the efforts of Canadian Jewish Congress executive vice-president Alan Rose of Montreal and Father Everett McNeil of Toronto, the then general-secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Canadian Council of Churches, the representative body of the major Protestant faiths, soon joined, too. More recently, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews has become an associate member.

At the NTLC's last annual conference, held in November, it was able to boast the participation of church and synagogue officials from every province, as well as denomination.

Prior to the NTLC's creation, dialogue between Jews and Christians tended to be a "hit and miss" affair, says Moe Seidman, chairman of the CJC National Religious Department. "We would have a meeting, go home and that was the end of it." According to Anglican Canon Daniel Fleming, dialogue in Canada today has increased "hundreds of percentage points" from just 10 years ago.

What is remarkable about the progress of the NTLC is that its members have now reached the point where they can openly disagree with one another and yet not break the bonds of friendship, says Laroque. Unanimity of opinion is not the goal. In the last couple of years, events like Pope John Paul's meeting with PLO leader Yasser Arafat and the Israeli bombardment of Beirut could have severely tested the NTLC's durability. But, if anything, these controversies have only deepened the dialogue, say members.

They speak of respect and understanding of one another's positions, and being at ease in discussion with one another. They meet six or seven times a year and hold an annual conference on a central theme of interest to all three groups. The last conference, for example, was on human rights.

There have been some concrete accomplishments. Christian clergymen have taken an active interest in the Soviet Jewry question. A rabbi (Robert Sternberg, director of the CJC National Religious Department) was invited for the first time to the national Remembrance Day ceremony in Ottawa last November. Jews participated for the first time as observers at the World Council of Churches conference in Vancouver last summer and Christians attended the CJC Plenary Assembly in Montreal last May also for the first time.

Milton Harris, left, national president of Canadian Jewish Congress, with Gordon Fairweather, centre, chairman of the Canadian Human Rights Commission and Russell Legge, president of the Canadian Council of Churches, at a meeting of the National Tripartite Liaison Committee.

The General Synod of the Anglican Church passed a resolution in June "acknowledging the reality that the Nazi regime executed millions of Jewish people" and vowing to "persist in fighting anti-semitism wherever it exists."

The Anglican Church is preparing study material on the Holocaust for use in its parishes, and for the past couple of years the seat of the Montreal Anglican diocese, Christ Church Cathedral, has held Yom Hashoa services.

United Church moderator Rev. Clarke Macdonald was one of the first national Christian leaders to denounce the teachings of former Eckville schoolteacher Jim Keegstra.

In the coming year, the NTLC will be trying to bring some of this goodwill down to the congregational level. Pamphlets are being developed by the NTLC to help average Jews and Christians "do their homework" before entering into dialogue at their local level.

Fleming advises that it is all part of a process, a matter of "consciousness-raising." He noted, "We have, after all, lived apart for 400 years."

LaRocque believes that "the more we [Christians] get to understand the Jewish people, the more we understand our roots, the more Christians are brought together and Christian unity is our goal."

Both the Jewish and Christian leaders admit some indifference, skepticism and even hostility exists within their respective communities about interfaith dialogue.

Among Orthodox Jews, resistance has been high, Moe Seidman concedes but thanks to individual rabbis dialogue has been possible at least at the leadership level. He noted the time and prominence given to interfaith relations at the last CJC Plenary Assembly, and hopes by the next one in 1986, the topic can be accorded a plenary session.

Fleming added, "Dialogue is not a very high priority among my parishioners, but the climate is favorable." Needless to say, there are no thoughts of conversion in the minds of the Christian clergymen participating in the NTLC. "Conversion is the antithesis of dialogue," said Fleming.

The Keegstra affair has come as a jolt to Christians in Canada who "realize that Jewish fears are not the result of exaggerated paranoia . . . that there is bigotry in our midst that cannot be ignored."

One day, the committee may no longer be "tripartite"; LaRocque says "a chair is still open" to the Moslem community in Canada should it ever become well organized and desire to enter into dialogue.

With the foundations already laid by the NTLC and Canada's historically "higher boiling point," the religious leaders believe this country can set an example to the rest of the world in getting along with one's neighbor.

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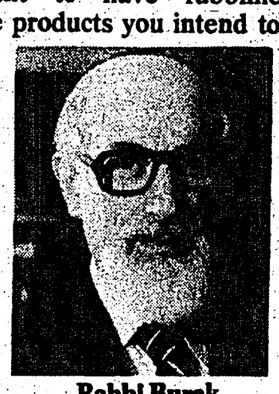
Question: Why do we need rabbinic supervision for processed foods to be kosher? Won't their listed ingredients tell us all we need to know?

It's very important to have rabbinic supervision for all the products you intend to eat. Even where there is someone watching the manufacturing process, one receives some unhappy surprises. This can be seen from a cool, dry, legal report in the third volume of the responsa Minhas Yitzhak, by the Gaon Rabbi Yaakov Yitzhak Weiss shlita who heads the Ashkenazic Beth Din in Jerusalem. The responsum is number 96:2 on page 158-159.


Rabbi Burak

It was while he served as rav of Manchester that he received the following query from the rav of Strasburg, some 23 years ago, concerning the kashruth of the wurst. This rav was making a routine inspection of a sausage factory, and asked the non-Jewish manager of the plant to show him the source of the coloring agent used in their products to make them look so fresh and wholesome. "The manager, to my shock, brought me a plate filled with hundreds of black flies, and explained to me that these flies were from Spain's Canary Islands where they raise millions of them.

"The flies are killed by being locked in a tight container, in the hot sun. Then they are dried in the hot sun. After this they are sent here. A kilogram package will number about a million flies. Here they are ground into a powder as fine as flour; the powder is sold to butchers. Some 25-30 grams of this powder are mixed in a litre of water. From this mixture, a little is put on the salami."

The rabbi who told this story cited a number of rabbinic responsa that dealt with similar problems.

He cited a responsum by the Gaon Rabbi Yosef Shaul Nathanson Z.L. dealing with the halachic problem raised when it was found that a certain liquor got its fine color from worms that were dried for a year and then added to the beverage. Color is a tertiary quality according to some authorities. For those who disagreed on that point, the fact that the worms had become dry as dust could make them alright.

His second point was that the powdered files had been diluted in water which weakened the prohibited substance. Rav Weiss responded by citing several responsa, pro and contra. He cited the Tifereth Zvi who had ruled that the whiskey — which was colored by the addition of a powder made from dried worms — was kosher. But he added that the authorities required that the worms be dead and dried for 12 months before they could be used. Some authorities, he stated, held that the worms could be used even before 12 months had passed, if they had deteriorated to such an extent that a dog would not eat them.

He cited the ruling of the Chochmas Adam who wrote in his Binnas Adam that a hot oven could powder the material in moments, to the same extent that nature would turn it into powder in a year. He asked whether drying in the sun has the same power as an oven.

The rav of Manchester states that in Manchester he would not permit flies from the Canary Islands to be used as coloring agents for salami.

As I read it, I heaved a sigh of relief and thanked God for this clearheaded man, and for the rise of other additives and colors that freed us from needing and using aristocratic flies from the Canaries.

Accused Nazi living in Chile

Israel seeks extradition of Rauff

[From UPI and JTA despatches]

Israel last week officially asked Chile to extradite accused Nazi Walter Rauff, who allegedly invented mobile gas chambers in which 250,000 Jews were killed.

The Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Centre simultaneously urged U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to apply "strong and direct" pressure on the Chilean government to expel the 77-year-old former SS colonel, who has been living in Chile for more than 25 years.

Their demands coincided with the disclosure by Paris Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld that Rauff, who he termed "one of the most wanted Nazi criminals" living outside Germany, had been given refuge in Vatican City convents for 18 months after World War II.

In connection with the Rauff case, the New York Times revealed that a formerly top secret U.S. state department report, dated 1947 and never officially made public, called the Vatican "the largest single organization involved in the illegal movement of emigrants," including Nazis.

The Times obtained the report from Holocaust historian Charles Allen, Jr. of Manhattan. In an article in the magazine Reform Judaism, Allen had cited the state department report as naming a "notorious" smuggler of Nazis, Dr. Willi Nix, who had been operating under the "benevolent protection of the Vatican."

On publication of Allen's article, a Vatican spokesman in Rome, Rev. Pierfranco Pastore, had dismissed it as "absolutely absurd. . . . It doesn't even merit a denial. Absolutely."

But last week, Father Pastore denied he had made these comments "on the record" and said he could not comment publicly.

Meanwhile, Beate Klarsfeld, wife of the Parisian lawyer who also specializes in tracking down fugitive Nazis, was in the Chilean capital of Santiago last week. She was seeking extradition of Rauff, so he can stand trial for war crimes in either West Germany or Israel.

Chile rejected a 1962 request from Germany to extradite Rauff, after its supreme court ruled he could no longer be tried under the statute of limitations.

Israeli Justice Minister Moshe Nissim stated to the Chilean government last week it was unthinkable that "a criminal like Rauff, charged with the crime of genocide, should continue to go about undisturbed, like any innocent man."

Bonds buying spree

JERUSALEM —

Israel Bonds totaling $15.7 million were purchased by 200 Bond leaders who attended the recent 6-day international Bond leadership conference here.

The Bond leaders arrived in Israel by the first direct international flight from New York to the new Uvdat air base serving as Eilat's international airport (CJN Jan. 26) and spent the first two days in and around Eilat, speaking with local residents and the town's mayor and also inspecting factories and institutions established with the aid of Bond funds.

During their stay in Jerusalem, three men and 13 women in the party who had never had a bar or bat mitzvah, held a belated ceremony at a special service at the Western Wall.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir, at a dinner meeting, told the Bond leaders that Israel's international relations have improved considerably and were better than they have been for years.

The Prime Minister said there is a better understanding of Israel's situation in the United States and Europe and he noted the improvement achieved with Black Africa states, including last year's restoration of diplomatic ties with Zaire and Liberia and said there were "encouraging signs" from central and southern Africa nations.

Western Guard leader guilty of contempt

TORONTO —

John Ross Taylor, leader of the Western Guard, was found guilty of contempt of court last week in connection with anti-Jewish taped telephone messages — less than two years after he served a 1-year prison term for the same offence.

Federal Court Associate Chief Justice James Jerome said Ross intentionally disobeyed a previous Federal Court order to stop the messages.

Jerome dismissed a constitutional argument relating to freedom of speech and expression, saying it must be argued in another forum, if at all.

The judge said that even if he accepted defence arguments that the recorded statements were mostly factual, Taylor could still be found guilty simply because he referred in one of his recordings to the possibility of being sent back to jail for what he was doing.

Previously, the 70-year-old Taylor received a suspended sentence of one year in jail and the Western Guard was fined $5,000. The sentence came into effect when Taylor and his group were found to have flouted the order.

The anti-Jewish taped messages reveal a preoccupation with an international banking conspiracy and Communism, and dotted throughout are anti-semitic remarks.

Taylor is expected to appear in federal court on Feb. 6 at 330 University Ave. with his lawyer Lauren Marshall for sentencing.

Marshall is also the lawyer for Ernst Zundel, a German citizen now living in Toronto charged with disseminating false information about the Holocaust.

CJC, BB start liaison

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith Canada recently established a liaison committee to exchange views on the activities of both organizations.

The committee, made up of senior members of the organizations, was established "to ensure the interests of Canadian Jewry," according to a CJC press release. The Agenda of the last meeting included community relations, campus activities and Canada-Israel relations.

"The committee was formed on the basis that the two organizations continue to confer on matters affecting mutual concerns and endeavors," the release states.

Participating in deliberations of the liaison committee were: Milton Harris, president of Canadian Jewish Congress; Don Jubas, president of B'nai B'rith Canada; Alan Borden, president-elect of BBC; Bernard Finestone, chairman, Quebec Region, CJC; Alan Rose, CJC executive vice-president; and Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of BBC.

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Parliamentarians travel to Russia

Refuseniks hope for improved East-West relations

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —
Soviet Jewish Refuseniks believe they will get out of Russia only when East-West relations improve.

"To a person, they feel their plight depends on East-West detente," says Liberal MP Jim Peterson, who has just returned from a week-long trip to the USSR as head of a 5-member Canadian delegation.

Peterson is chairman of the parliamentary committee for Soviet Jewry. He was accompanied by PC Fred King and NDP member Lynn McDonald plus Group of 35 chairman Barbara Stern, and Alan Rose, executive vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The parliamentarians spoke with The CJN by phone from Ottawa.

"The Refuseniks are following our Prime Minister's peace initiative with great interest," Peterson said. His assessment of the significance of East-West friction received non-partisan backing from his colleagues.

"They see themselves as victims of an international situation," McDonald stated.

"Their hope," said King, "is based on the lowering of international tensions. Therefore they were very interested in the Prime Minister's peace initiative and the statements that have come out recently — particularly Mr. Andropov's.

"Canada has a vital role in this process," King continued. "We're friends of the United States, but not attached to them. We have a less strident position than they do, and we should therefore be in a position to have a dialogue with the Soviet officials that could reasonably be denied to others."

Attempts by the delegation to meet with Soviet officials were unsuccessful. According to McDonald, they were told that if they were prepared to delay their trip, appointments might be possible, but the MPs were unwilling to wait.

They did have 13 meetings with Refuseniks: eight in Moscow and five in Leningrad. They were able to talk with over 70 individuals, sometimes single families, sometimes groups, in their homes.

They were not prevented from meeting anyone, said Peterson, "although we assume we were under surveillance."

All three parliamentarians agreed that international efforts on their behalf are welcomed by the Refuseniks.

While there may be some slightly increased risk to them as a result of outside pressure, "they don't see human rights as a political issue," McDonald said.

They are fully aware of the provisions of the Helsinki accord and the final document signed last fall by 35 nations including the USSR at the Madrid conference on European security and cooperation — provisions which allow emigration for purposes of family reunification and for contacts between members of a religious or cultural group, both inside a country and across political borders.

"They believe that the world must press for the Soviets to implement those human rights provisions to which they have freely agreed," McDonald said.

Peterson said that international contacts may even lower the risk. "They feel that putting the light of international attention on them is their protection — their only protection."

McDonald noted that they feel cut off from their culture and want to enrich their lives as Jews. Some of the groups of young people they met with, said Peterson, expressed deep interest in the religious side of their Jewishness.

The delegation brought in books and tapes, and although their luggage was examined carefully, nothing was confiscated by Soviet customs officers.

Peterson did not minimize the difficulties Refuseniks face.

"The gates are really closed," he said.

The procedure for applying for exit visas has been changed. Applications can no longer be resubmitted. The file is now closed after six months, and the Refusenik must start all over again, providing a complete new set of documentation, including new letters of invitation to rejoin family abroad.

The MPs found considerable evidence of anti-semitism. They were shown 20 anti-semitic posters which are available in bookstores, although they are not on display, and a translation of an anti-semitic article in a Russian-language newspaper.

King obtained a copy of a magazine published in Moscow in English and French which contained anti-semitic material.

The MPs were unanimous on the emotional impact of their visit: "We were drained," King said; McDonald said she was "profoundly saddened by what I saw there."

But they were also impressed by what Peterson described as "the incredible courage" of the Refuseniks.

While none of the parliamentarians could see any dramatic breakthrough on the horizon, they believe that it is necessary to keep the Refuseniks' plight before the Canadian public and the world until an easing of international tension leads to greater Soviet willingness to comply with the Helsinki and Madrid accords.

In the meantime, Peterson said, "We want to maintain routes of access . . . they look to us as a ray of hope."

President Chaim Herzog

Herzog pleased with Africa trip

JERUSALEM [JTA] —
President Chaim Herzog was back in Israel last week from a 9-day state visit to Zaire and Liberia and said he was very satisfied with the trip. He told reporters upon his arrival at Ben-Gurion airport that the most important element of the trip was possibly the very fact of the state visit itself.

"The reception accorded my wife, my colleagues and myself was beyond all expectations," he said.

Herzog was the first Israeli President to visit Black African countries since Zaire and Liberia resumed diplomatic relations with Israel after having severed them in 1973.

Herzog said talks he held with Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko and Liberian President Samuel Doe had not been only ceremonial but had also resulted in concrete agreements for Israeli aid to the two countries and mutual co-operation.

Agreements signed include one calling for the marketing of Israeli products in the two countries and another committing Israel to send experts there to advise on agriculture and other fields.

Projects for Liberia include aid in the establishment of a national bank, development of a new electric power network and construction of 400 kilometres of new highways. In addition, a joint Israeli - Liberia company will be set up to develop a rice crop and Liberia hopes to be able to eventually export 100,000 tons of rice a year.

At a press conference in Liberia Herzog was questioned closely about Israel's relations with South Africa and was told this is an obstacle to re-establishing diplomatic ties with other Black Africa countries.

Herzog pointed out that Tanzania, Mozambique and other Black nations have much more trade with South Africa than Israel and asked that "you do not apply one standard to those countries and another to a small country called Israel." He added that in total, the arrangements Israel has with South Africa amount to two-fifths of 1% of South Africa's foreign trade.

An accident marred the return of the President to Israel. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's car was involved in a collision at the airport but Shamir, who had gone to Ben-Gurion to greet the President, was unhurt.

Diplomatic overtures to Diaspora groups

Soviet Jews bargaining tool: Bayer

By
GARY COHEN

TORONTO —
A U.S. Jewish community leader says the Soviet Union has begun making diplomatic overtures to Diaspora groups around the world in an effort to use the issue of Soviet Jewry as a bargaining tool in "achieving their political aims."

Abraham Bayer, international director of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, also claims that Canadian and U.S. organizations can expect to be contacted by a high-ranking Soviet diplomat in the near future for the same purpose.

"The Soviets will do anything to achieve their aim of incursion in the Middle East, both politically and militarily, and the removal of U.S. missiles from Europe," he charged.

He said Soviet anti-semitism overall indicated a "new, more odious" pattern designed to help meet those goals.

Bayer made his remarks at a recent executive meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

"The Soviet Union wants to keep Soviet Jews in never-never land limbo," Bayer said, to maintain their usefulness. Recent Soviet diplomatic contacts with the Diaspora, he stated, had followed a plan of meeting with "one organization alone at a time" in order to "split the community" by taking advantage of Jewish pluralism and internal differences.

"A Soviet diplomat is going to come to you," Bayer told the meeting, "with a proposal. He'll say, 'if you want more Soviet Jews we'll give them to you. All you have to do is work on peace with us. Go to your government and lobby to get the Pershing and Cruise missiles out of Europe.'

"The Soviets want to use the Soviet Jewry issue to separate us from Israel — to make us work against Israel. Do not meet independently with Soviet representatives," Bayer urged. "Discuss this matter in your highest ranks. No organization should act unilaterally. If you can, avoid meeting with any Soviet diplomat.

"There is a silent war going on between the Soviet Union and the Jewish people," Bayer said, "and nobody seems to know about it. But the Soviets are out to kill us all. Their purpose is to subvert Judaism and Israel to advance their own aims."

Bayer said recent successes in making the Zionism is racism equation credible are also part of the "new" Soviet anti-semitism conceived both as an attack on Israel and a way of making a Russian presence more palatable in the Middle East.

He added that due to the pattern of this Soviet tactic, the issue of Soviet Jewry has become "intertwined intricately with the fate of Israel and ourselves."

Bayer said that "Israel needs peace and people to thrive" and the main source of potential immigrants to Israel is the 2.5 million Jews living in the Soviet Union.

"It is important to keep the issue of Soviet Jewry unique," Bayer said. "We must continue to follow the singular line we have followed in the past — let us live as Jews or let us leave. We need the issue kept alive."

Soviets deny Begun appeal of sentence

TORONTO —
Iosif Begun's appeal against his 12-year sentence for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda" has been denied, according to information received by Sam Resnick, director of the Committee for Soviet Jewry of the Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario Region).

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry in New York, which learned of the failure of the appeal last week, has no further information on Begun's whereabouts.

He was being held in "strict regime" in Moscow's Vladimir prison, although the prominent Moscow attorney who agreed to take the case, Vladimir Petrov, told his family that he had been moved out of the prison's isolation cell.

Begun was sentenced in October to the maximum term under the charges: seven years in a labor camp and five years internal exile.

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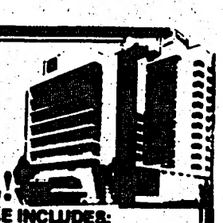

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World-National

Daniel Oberlander, president of CN Hotels and Tower, in front of Montreal's Queen Elizabeth Hotel, which was under Hilton management until Jan. 1.

Work in kibbutz an inspiration

Oberlander hotel chain chief

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

In 1967, during the Six Day War, a young Montrealer named Daniel Oberlander was a volunteer worker at a guesthouse in Kibbutz Gesher Haziv in northern Israel. He enjoyed the experience so much that he decided that the political science and history he was studying at McGill University would not be a lifetime vocation.

It eventually led Oberlander to a career in the hotel business, a decision he was not to regret.

Today, at 38, he is the president of one of the largest hotel chains in Canada, CN Hotels and Tower. His appointment became official last July but got off to a true start on Jan. 1 when the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal and Hotel Vancouver were returned to CN control after 25 and 20 years, respectively, under the management of Hilton Canada Inc.

Oberlander was thus put in charge of a truly national chain, with eight hotels across the country including all three major markets of Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver — a first for the CN.

The Toronto hotel, next to the CN Tower and atop the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, is under construction and due to open in September.

After 12 years in Toronto, Oberlander, his wife Evelyne Rosenberg, and their children Jason, 8, and Lee, 7, call Montreal home once again. They are living in a suite in the Queen Elizabeth, the hotel business virtually a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week one — especially this year for Oberlander who will oversee a multi-million-dollar upgrading of the CN hotels. His office is next door to the Queen E, at CN's national headquarters.

Oberlander, a strapping 6-foot-2 man dressed in a conservative charcoal pinstripe suit, is probably the youngest president of a major hotel chain in Canada.

He was born in London, England and his parents are Fred, Vienna-born former European and Canadian amateur wrestling champion and a founder of the Maccabiah Games, and Alice, an artist born and educated in Paris. They came to Montreal in 1950.

Oberlander, fluent in English, French and German (he studied at the University of Vienna for a couple of years) is able to combine a certain cosmopolitan flair with an all-Canadian image.

Enjoys outdoor sports

He is something of an athlete himself, keeping trim with skiing, sailing and swimming, although there will be little time for that this year.

Despite the dark suits, Oberlander is a friendly person with a big open smile who prefers to be called simply Dan.

Oberlander began his hotel career 17 years ago at the Queen E as a management trainee for Hilton, working behind the front desk. He met his wife-to-be there.

Since then he has worked for Western International's Hotel Bonaventure in Montreal and the Calgary Inn (as general manager); and spent the next nine years with Four Seasons Hotels, becoming a senior vice-president of operations and development, responsible for all new projects in the United States.

Last year he jumped to CN and was appointed its Hotels and Tower division's first president in two years.

Oberlander's decisive style well suits the new aggressive marketing strategy of CN.

Oberlander predicts that CN will be transformed from its somewhat "dowdy" present state to a "major force" in the Canadian hotel industry. "There's nowhere to go but up," he said.

CN has made a commitment to turn its hotels into "world-class establishments," he said, "and has launched a $150 million expansion and rejuvenation program, believing the worst of the recession is over and the traveling public will be looking for comfort in their accommodation.

"I look on my new position as the most challenging and exciting job in the Canadian hotel industry today," said Oberlander.

CN will be spending about $16 million to refurbish the Hotel Vancouver, $4 million on Jasper Park Lodge in Alberta, and $42 million on the McDonald Hotel in Edmonton, which is presently closed while it undergoes an extensive rebuilding.

The 600-room Toronto hotel under construction is costing $72 million [like the Queen E, it will have a kosher kitchen, Oberlander noted]. Ottawa's grand Chateau Laurier is having a $13 million facelift.

The most ambitious plans are for the Queen Elizabeth and some $28 million will go toward giving it a whole new look. The rest of the money will be distributed between the Beausejour in Moncton and Hotel Nedwfoundland in St. John's. CN also owns a small hotel in Paris.

By 1985, Oberlander said, CN Hotels' accommodation capacity will be double what it was in 1983, and employ 3,400 persons.

Among the plans to restore the Queen E, known in the industry as the queen of the convention circuit, is the building of a large atrium over the entrance which will expose the first three floors to view and the addition of two floors of luxury accommodation.

There's a story that Oberlander spent his first few days as president as an anonymous guest at Montreal's most expensive hotels to see what was so special about the competition and how that might be adapted to CN.

"The hotel business is glamourized a bit, but it is addictive. There's a lot of travel, a lot of entertaining. You have to like dealing with people," said Oberlander.

Oberlander hopes his enthusiasm will infect the other employees of CN hotels whose spirits may have flagged from years of decline. "Good hotels are not built only with bricks and mortar," he said. "They need good people with a sense of pride in what they do and where they work."

Canada will seek doctor's extradition

By TAMMY KAROL

OTTAWA —

Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan plans extradition proceedings for the return of Israeli doctor Nachum Gal who allegedly was involved in a mercy killing in Edmonton 16 months ago.

Oxana Kaluzny, a spokesman for the minister, said the justice department has taken the decision to process "documents" but it is not yet mailing them to Israel. "I can't make a comment on the processing of the documents but the minister should be ready to make a statement in about a week's time," Kaluzny told The Canadian Jewish News last week.

She would not state whether the case has been referred to external affairs for discussion with Israeli officials in Ottawa.

Neil Crawford, Alberta's attorney - general, sent the extradition request to the federal minister of justice on Oct. 28 but the justice department indicated in November that it needed more evidence before seeking the extradition.

Crawford's request lists nine charges — including first degree murder, attempted murder and administering a noxious substance against Dr. Gal, a visiting pediatrician who worked in Edmonton from July 1982 to February 1983 at the University of Alberta Hospital (CJN Nov. 18).

Gal, 36, left Canada last February when hospital authorities and the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons began investigating the death of his patient, Candace Taschuk, of Two Hills, Alberta. The 16-hour-old infant died Oct. 8, 1982 in the hospital after suffering an accident in the womb and being delivered by caesarean section with serious brain camage. Evidence showed she died less than 15 minutes after being injected with 15 miligrams of morphine which Gal allegedly ordered.

Avi Granot, press attache at the Israel embassy in Ottawa, told The CJN last week that up to that time Canada's department of external affairs had not yet contacted the embassy about the Gal case.

According to a spokesman in external affairs, Canada and Israel have an extradition treaty which came into effect in 1969 but apparently it is not enforced on Israeli nationals.

The justice department's Kaluzny told The CJN that a 1978 amendment to the Israeli extradition act forbids the extradition of its citizens. But she added that the effectiveness of that clause depends on how the treaty is interpreted and how the amendment will be applied in this case.

Kaluzny said that generally extradition procedures between two countries can "take a long time — even up to three years." But she claimed Israel can prosecute its own nationals on behalf of the petitioning country if evidence is provided.

Herzog Bessin in new post

OTTAWA —

Shira Herzog Bessin, who has been with the Canada-Israel Committee since 1978, has been named associate national director of the CIC, it was announced last week by the national chairman, Anne Gross.

Herzog Bessin has served as the CIC's director of special projects and is currently director of research.

A native of Israel, Herzog Bessin was educated at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and York University in Toronto, where she earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in history and English respectively.

She has authored several publications on the Arab-Israeli conflict and co-edited a commemorative volume, Canada-Israel Friendship, on the occasion of Israel's 30th anniversary.

Shira Herzog Bessin

As associate national director, she will assume responsibility for national functions in all areas of CIC's work and will also be involved in liaison with the Jewish community at all levels.

Herzog Bessin will continue to work out of the CIC's Toronto office.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

On Feb. 4, 1983, the 86-year-old Jewish daily Forward became a weekly. The vivid journal that in its heyday boasted a circulation of more than 200,000 embarked on another stage in its reflection of Yiddish-North American realities.

The Jewish Daily Forward was one of hundreds of Yiddish publications that sprang up around the turn of the century, when some 2 million immigrants from Eastern and Central Europe came to the U.S. and 50,000 to Canada.

The major port of entry and the seething capital of North American Jewry was New York. Here, intellectual periodicals like the Feder (Pen), the Naye Leben (New Life) and the Literarishe Velt (Literary World) jostled for readership with dailies like the Labor Zionists' Tsayt (Time), the Orthodox Tageblatt (Day Sheet), the establishment Yiddishe Velt (Jewish World), the conservative Morgen Zhurnal (Morning Journal) and the liberal independent Tog (Day). Some lasted for decades, others folded after a few months.

One of the shortest-lived was the Yiddisher Amerikaner, a 1904 attempt by populist publisher William Randolph Hearst to tap the Jewish market and advance his national political aspirations. Over its nominal editor Jacob Pfeffer stood an Irish-American reporter, to "keep an eye on things."

The Yiddish Velt, sponsored by established German-Jewish families like the Schiffs, Warburgs, Bloomingdales, and Guggenheims, tried to inculcate "refinement" in the new "uncouth masses." It left the scene after three years and a loss of over $100,000.

Leading at the time of the Forward's debut was the Tageblatt, which combined anti-socialist tirades with sensationalized news items, moral and religious instruction, and the occasional colorful fabrication. Its prolific editor at the time, John Paley — he wrote most of the daily's editorials, major news stories and special features — was described by one historian as "synthesizing shtetl religiosity with American sensationalism."

The Forward was Socialist in ownership and persuasion. It drifted in polemics and internecine rivalry for five years, until 42-year-old Abraham Cahan, a Vilna-raised radical, was granted undisputed editorial say. He saw his duty as educating the new immigrants in Yiddish culture while at the same time weaning them away from it. With two successful novels in English to his credit, Yekl and The Rise of David Levinsky, Cahan relinquished a promising literary career.

Cahan superceded the war of invective that the Forward was waging against the Tageblatt for circulation leadership with new editorial initiatives. He developed his paper's unique blend of traditional sentiment and Socialist fervor. Over the years, his closely watched stable of essayists, poets and polemicists wrote human interest stories, cultural pieces, Socialist editorials and the occasional agnostic exhortation. Their readership was kept locked in by extensive crime reporting, by catering to "the romantic meanderings of Jewish housewives" (Irving Howe) and by some unparalleled first-class features. These included:

- A series called Yentele Telebende, about a domineering wife and a henpecked husband.
- A popularized U.S. history.
- **The Bintel Brief [Bundle of Letters], a letters-to-the-editor column that quickly aroused the envy of other newspapers. In it, readers sought advice on how to make ends meet, cope with harassment on the job, turn an affair into a marriage, find useful work.**

The Forward wrote about Jewish prostitution, explained sports and museums, praised or panned the latest offerings of the Yiddish stage, conducted contests, encouraged garment and other workers to fight for improved conditions, and condemned what it considered undue pretensions.

The Forward reached its peak after World War I, allowing Cahan to bring over leading Yiddish writers from Poland, among them Sholem Asch and I. J. Singer. The latter's younger brother, Isaac Bashevis Singer, was one of many developing writers who started with the Forward.

Cahan died in 1951. Circulation halved and halved again, as the original readership disappeared.

The Forward continues to evolve as a weekly — with Talmud schedules replacing Marxist slogans on its masthead. Its new principal readership comes from burgeoning yeshiva and chassidic communities across North America.

Kohl's visit disappoints Israelis

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Bonn disputes the Israeli thesis that Saudi Arabia is a front-line state confronting Israel militarily. The West Germans contend that the weapons they plan to sell Saudi Arabia would be used for defensive purposes only. And they say that the Saudis — who recently signed a huge arms deal with France — could easily obtain similar equipment from the U.S. or Britain.

Moreover, as Kohl is said to have told Shamir, West Germany believes that Israeli-manufactured weapons sometimes "reach enemies of Israel." (Israel's armaments industry exports products to a wide variety of nations.)

The first West German chancellor to visit Israel in 11 years, Kohl also disappointed Israel by staking out what the Israelis regard as unpalatable positions on an Arab-Israeli settlement.

Kohl, whose visit was partly marred by occasional protests from Holocaust survivors and right-wing youths, said West Germany and its partners in the European Economic Community were prepared to play a role in facilitating talks between Israel and the Arabs.

But the Israelis were far from pleased when he reiterated West Germany's support for diplomatic solutions which they oppose.

Specifically, he said any solutions should be based on the 1982 Fez resolutions (which envisage a fully independent Palestinian state), President Ronald Reagan's peace plan (which calls for a confederation between Jordan and the Palestinians of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip), and the 1980 Venice Declaration (which says that the PLO should be "associated with" negotiations).

It is the Israeli view that a settlement must be grounded in the 1978 Camp David Accord and in its proposals for limited Palestinian self-autonomy.

If Kohl was forthright in expressing positions which he knew Israel would not accept, so was he frank in voicing atonement for the Holocaust.

Kohl, who paid a visit to Yad Vashem, the Israeli memorial to the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust, said: "It is impossible for us today to imagine what happened then. But it did happen and Germany bears responsibility for it in history."

Facing Shamir, he added: "I bow to you, Mr. Prime Minister, in grief for the suffering inflicted on the Jewish people by Germans."

Kohl, who called Israel "an important country for us," arrived in Israel following release of a survey that half of all West Germans still harbor anti-semitic feelings of varying intensity.

Originally, he was scheduled to go to Israel last August, but postponed his trip in the wake of Menachem Begin's resignation as Prime Minister.

German-Israel relations under Begin and Kohl's predecessor, Helmut Schmidt, had deteriorated in 1981. Schmidt, having visited Saudi Arabia, said that West Germans "cannot allow themselves not to recognize the demand for self-determination of the Palestinians." He also alluded that Bonn might permit the Saudis to purchase Leopard tanks.

Begin, denouncing Schmidt as greedy, said that Schmidt — an anti-aircraft officer during World War II — had been faithful to Hitler, and that he could never forgive the Germans their Nazi past.

U.S.-Israel teams begin meetings to form strategy

WASHINGTON [UPI] — U.S. and Israeli teams last week quietly began two meetings — one on economic problems and a second on political and military cooperation.

The political-military talks grow out of November's talks between Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and U.S. officials, in which it was agreed to establish a framework of strategic cooperation between the two countries.

Since then, in face of some angry reaction from moderate Arab countries, the state department has backed off from suggestions that the cooperation will amount to a military alliance. Senior state department officials even denied to reporters that they had ever used the phrase "strategic co-operation."

Observers here say the discussions have gone well, but also believe a lessening of enthusiasm by the Reagan administration is indicated.

It has been agreed that the sessions will continue on Feb. 13 in Israel and on Feb. 27 in Washington.

Late deal with Tami

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under the Labor regimes which governed Israel until 1977 — especially if fringe benefits and extra services are taken into consideration.

The finance ministry agreed with him, and accused Tami of playing politics and distorting figures.

However, despite accusations of "blackmail," a last-minute deal with Tami insured its 3-vote support of the government in the Knesset.

Tami obtained an 11th-hour commitment from Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad to increase child care allowances, raise the income tax threshold for poor families, and present a bill in the Knesset for a minimum wage law.

These promises were made in writing.

Tami demands that the minimum wage law be acted on in two weeks and that higher allowances for child care be paid, beginning in April.

Treasury sources said, shortly after the Knesset vote, that it was impossible to meet those demands.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer said that he would not agree to any cuts in the education budget if the Tami-controlled ministry of labor and welfare has its budget increased.

The government is desperately trying to slash expenditures. Cohen-Orgad himself said only a few days ago that the cost of Tami's demands would negate proposed cuts in the welfare budget.

The possibility of a new crisis within the coalition prompted Deputy Premier David Levy to remark that the government could not last much longer with a constant threat to its stability.

He said he would support early elections if the coalition's survival is in doubt. At the same time, he dismissed the idea of an alternative coalition headed by the Labor Alignment as "an illusion."

Haaretz, the Israeli newspaper, expressed what seems to be a growing understanding in Labor circles that the Alignment cannot hope to return to power by means of non-confidence votes.

"The Alignment must prove by its actions in the Knesset that it has a comprehensive and detailed plan to correct the errors of the present government. The Alignment must convince the voters that it would pay to return them to the next Knesset in a strengthened form," the Haaretz editorial said.

A poll conducted last week by Haaretz showed that the Labor Alignment would sweep 51.5% of the votes, if elections were held today, while Likud would get about 23.6%. This represents a 13.5% loss for the Likud and 14.9% gain for Labor since the 1981 elections.

Daily chapters

The daily chapters in the international 3-year Bible reading cycle of the World Jewish Bible Society and the Jewish Agency are, for this week:

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A schedule of the current 3-year cycle, which ends in 1985, is available free of charge from the World Jewish Bible Soceity, POB 7024, Jerusalem, Israel.

Citing problems of govt. Ben-Porat quits cabinet

JERUSALEM [JTA] — Mordechai Ben-Porat announced Sunday that he has resigned from Premier Yitzhak Shamir's cabinet because of serious doubts that the Shamir government is capable of functioning properly.

Ben-Porat, a minister without portfolio, said he would remain in the Likud-led coalition as a 1-man Knesset faction and continue to work for creation of a national unity government. Failing that, he said, he would strongly support early elections.

Ben-Porat and former Finance Minister Yigael Hurwitz were members of the Telem faction of the late foreign minister Moshe Dayan. After Dayan's death, Telem was dissolved but its two surviving MKs remained part of the coalition Knesset faction.

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Editorial

Banish guilt

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl visited Israel last week, becoming the first German leader in 11 years to set foot on Israel soil. It was an important visit, enabling both sides to exchange views on issues which go to the heart of German-Jewish relations and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Chancellor Kohl, who was only 15 when World War II ended, is not tainted by the Nazi era and, as such, has a right and a duty to speak his mind on questions which affect Germans and Jews.

It was gratifying to hear him take responsibility, on behalf of Germany, for what happened under the demonic rule of Hitler. No decent, thinking German can pretend to minimize these crimes. And it was similarly gratifying that he viewed his trip as a means by which Jews and Germans can bridge "the terrible chasm" of the past.

Chancellor Kohl was not off the mark when he noted that the younger generation of Germans regard their history as a challenge rather than as a burden. And one can understand his need to have told his Israeli hosts that young Germans do not acknowledge a collective guilt for the deeds of their parents. If Germans and Jews are truly to normalize their perception of each other, talk of endless collective guilt will have to be banished.

But the formation of such an attitude, healthy as it will be, cannot be a justification for West Germany to sell sophisticated weaponry to Arab states, specifically Saudi Arabia. It would be unthinkable, and utterly obscene, were German arms to shed Jewish blood again.

Jews and Germans must overcome their respective traumas and work for a better tomorrow. But no new epoch will ever dawn if West Germany jettisons its moral obligation to the Jewish people.

Wait and see

The recent meeting between Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak and Yasser Arafat may be interpreted in more ways than one.

The Islamic Conference unconditional invitation to the Arab world's most populous nation to rejoin their organization may in the same way be susceptible to more than a single interpretation.

It has been traditional in Mideast politics to view any concerting of efforts on the part of Arabs as a deleterious development. The assumption has always been that Arabs cooperate with only one purpose in mind — the destruction of Israel.

The Arab world of 1984, however, is not identical to the one that existed in the 1960s and 1970s.

It is to be noted that in 1978 and 1982, during Israeli invasions of Lebanon, no Arab countries entered the fighting.

The last intervention by Arab armies occurred in 1973, when Libyan, Iraqi and Moroccan forces joined the Egyptians to fight Israel. But then the perception was that the Arabs were winning.

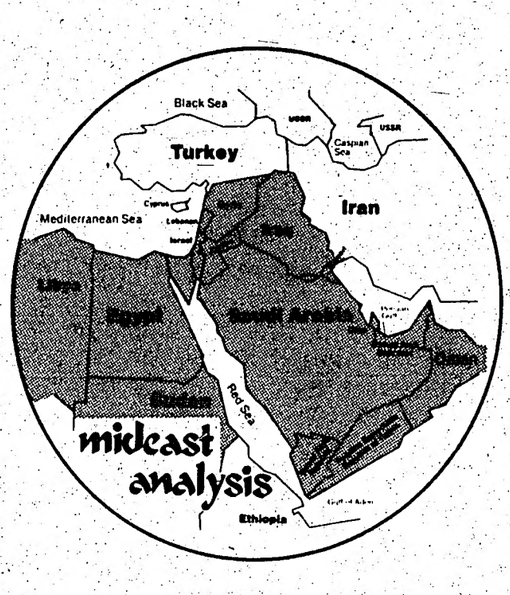
Egypt today has the right to pursue its own foreign policy. The pursuit of camaraderie with other Arab nations is a natural consequence of Egypt's social, religious and national configuration.

Although it may be an outlandish idea, Egypt's diplomatic ties with Israel (however tenuous they may be) may serve as a bridge between the rejectionist Arab states and Israel.

Should Egypt's new alliance represent a more sinister scenario, namely, the resumption of a pre-Sadat belligerency towards Israel, then the world will have learned that treaties concluded with Arab regimes under the most strenuous of circumstances have no meaning.

Jewish terrorism grows

West Bank vigilantes cause concern



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Jewish vigilantism is on the rise on the West Bank, and the Israeli authorities seem worried.

Of late, a shadowy group calling itself Terror Against Terror has carried out almost 20 attacks against Moslem and Christian targets in that densely populated region which has been occupied by Israel since the Six Day War.

So serious is the problem that the Knesset has decided to hold a full-scale debate on the activites of the unidentified vigilantes — who have fire-bombed cars belonging to Arabs, left booby-trapped devices that have maimed two West Bank mayors, detonated hand grenades in mosques and killed an 11-year-old Arab girl.

In recognition of this unprecedented campaign of Jewish terrorism, Israel's secret service and police have created a special unit to deal with the upsurge of violence.

And Moshe Nissim, the minister of justice, has authorized wire tappings and "other means" to facilitate the investigation.

Prominent Israelis have expressed concern about the phenomenon.

Teddy Kollek, the mayor of Jerusalem, said he was saddened by a fire that had been set to an Anglican church in his city. And he voiced astonishment that rabbinical leaders had not joined him in condemning this act of arson.

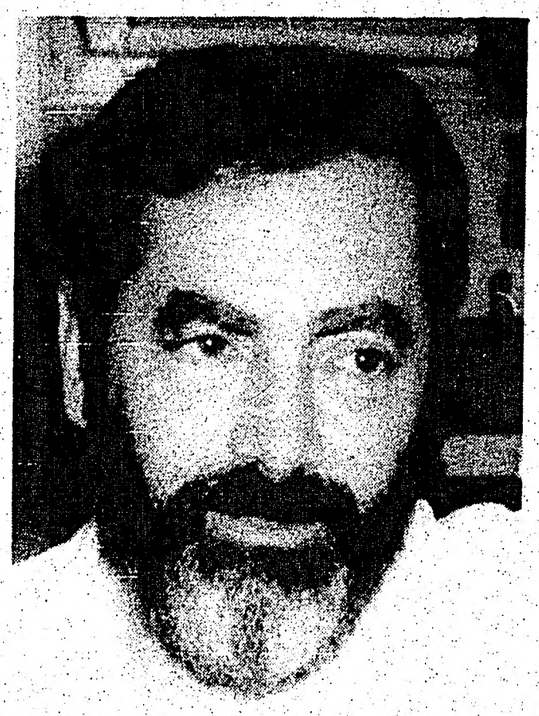
Eliahu Ben-Elissar, the chairman of the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee, said that sabotage attempts against Christian and Moslem holy places have "cast a shadow over all of us."

The Association of Civil Rights in Israel dispatched a letter to Defence Minister Moshe Arens, reminding him of his recent undertaking to apply the law with equal severity to Arabs and Jews.

The plea follows a recent speech by an Israeli parliamentarian accusing the government of enforcing the law according to double standards. Shulamit Aloni, who represents the Citizens' Rights faction in the Knesset, said:

"It is popular and accepted — and rightly so — to yell and fight for justice to be done when a Jew has been injured. It is not popular to be concerned and to demand law and justice when injuries to Arabs are involved . . ."

A well known civil libertarian, Aloni has accused the army — which administers the West Bank — of refraining from cooperating with the police. The military command, she has said, has gone as far as to "interfere with their work."



Meir Kahane

Shulamit Aloni

Aloni has noted sarcastically that, while the police are extremely efficient in apprehending Arab terrorists, they appear to be stumped by cases involving Jewish terrorists.

Judith Karp, the Israeli deputy attorney-general, also feels that the government hasn't done enough to apprehend Jewish gunmen bent on intimidating Arabs. In 1982, she wrote a report on the administration of law and order in the occupied territories. In it she dealt mainly with complaints by West Bank Arabs that little or no action was being taken when they were victims of Jewish extremists.

She found that inadequate investigation by the police in such cases was due to a shortage of manpower, lack of coordination between various security agencies and scant cooperation from the approximately 25,000 Jewish settlers living on the West Bank.

Because the government shelved her report, Karp resigned from the panel which had been established to probe the matter.

Earlier this month, Karp told Minister Nissim that no measures have been adopted to correct grave defects in the enforcement of the law on the West Bank. She warned that if remedial measures are not implemented, the situation will deteriorate.

Karp noted, for example, that the settlers who burned down the Hebron market last summer, in retaliation for the stabbing death there of a yeshiva student originally from Montreal, were never arrested or charged.

* * *

Jewish terrorism, as a documented phenomenon, has grown steadily and ominously since June of 1980, when explosives planted by still unknown assailants blew off both legs of Mayor Bassam al-Shaka of Nablus and a foot of Mayor Karim Khalef of Ramallah.

Shaka and Khalef, who were removed from their jobs by Israel, had created antagonism for voicing persistent support of the PLO.

In most cases, Arabs have been attacked after throwing stones at Jewish settlers, practically all of whom advocate the annexation of the West Bank, claimed by the Palestinians.

Settlements seen as cause for violence

But Jewish vigilantism is also undoubtedly a function of the resentment felt by Orthodox Jews, who claim that Christians in Israel are out to convert Jews. Proselytizing is legal in Israel unless money or its equivalent is offered in exchange for conversion. For decades, in vain, Orthodox groups have lobbied for laws banning missionary efforts.

Although anti-missionary rage may well be contributing to Jewish vigilantism, it is generally believed that the spread of Jewish settlements is the main factor behind its growth.

This is a theory to which Avraham Ahituv — the former head of Israel's domestic intelligence agency — subscribes.

In an interview with Davar, Ahituv said that the settlements have served as a **"psychological . . . hothouse for the growth of Jewish terror." As settlements began to spring up, Jews "took the law into their own hands . . . sometimes through explicit . . . confrontation with the Israel Defence Forces."**

Achituv, who was responsible for the operation of the General Security Services, or Shin Bet, said that since the coming of the Likud regime, settlers had learned that their actions, even if illegal, "were eventually sanctioned" by a government sympathetic to their political views.

Such attitudes, he observed, made it very difficult for Shin Bet, or the police, to gather information on Jewish underground groups.

Achituv's comments, which were roundly criticized by top government officials, came shortly after an Israeli weekly, Koteret Rashit, alleged that the Shin Bet knew the exact identities of those who maimed Shaka and Khalef.

Whatever its real attitude toward Jewish vigilantism may be, the Israeli government has made an effort to oppose it.

When Menachem Begin was Prime Minister, he came out against the bombings which badly injured the two Arab mayors. And soon after he succeeded Ariel Sharon as minister of defence, Moshe Arens warned settlers not to take the law into their own hands.

However, Arens did nothing to calm Arab fears when he said that the problem "can be corrected only by extending Israeli law" to the West Bank.

Despite charges that Israel has turned a blind eye to Jewish vigilantism, recent evidence suggests that this is not entirely true.

Even before the Knesset opted to debate the question, and the security services pledged to look into Terror Against Terror, the mood in Israel began to turn against Jewish terrorism.

• Last July, the severest sentence to date on an anti-Arab Jewish vigilante was passed by the Jerusalem District Court. Judge Elazar Halevy sent a 19-year-old American citizen, Israel Fuchs, to jail for 39 months. Fuchs, a member of Rabbi Meir Kahane's extremist organization, Kach, was found guilty of firing shots at a car driven by an Arab on the West Bank.

(Kahane himself was arrested recently when he held a demonstration with his followers to express solidarity with Terror Against Terror.)

• Last December, a U.S. immigrant was arrested in connection with the murder of an 11-year-old girl in Nablus, the biggest town on the West Bank. The attack occurred after a Jewish settler was felled by an axe-wielding Arab.

• Meanwhile, three ministries — justice, interior and defence — have drafted a policy plan which will be presented to the cabinet for approval in the near future.

No one knows what recommendations will emerge from these deliberations. But pressure appears to be building for the tighter enforcement of the law and for impartial, vigorous investigations of terrorism — whether it is committed by Arabs or Jews.

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Opinion

Will the real owner of Labrador please stand up

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

One of the most fascinating stories in Canadian Jewish history keeps popping up every few decades as yet another claimed descendant of a 17th century Dutch Jew asserts his alleged birthright — a several hundred kilometre stretch of desolate, rocky terrain along the coast of Labrador.

The latest character on the stage in this unfolding saga is Daniel de La Penha, a physician in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, who would like to bring it to a happy ending once and for all, after almost 300 years and seven generations. So far, he hasn't succeeded.

Daniel is the grandson of the late Montreal resident Isaac de La Penha who, in 1926, made local headlines when he with his three sisters from New York City presented their claim on Labrador to the British Privy Council in London at the very time the government of Quebec and Newfoundland were there in the midst of a bitter dispute over the same territory.

Isaac de La Penha was an assistant cantor and minister at Montreal's Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue from 1908 until his death in 1935. He was described as being "venerable and highly respected" despite the bizarre claim. He had come from Amsterdam, after three years in New York where he was associated with the Spanish and Portuguese congregation there. For part of this time at least in Montreal he also worked as a diamond cutter at Birks.

Last November in St. John's, Daniel, who says he is the last surviving male de La Penha, pleaded his case in Newfoundland Supreme Court for having that same piece of Labrador as his grandfather unsuccessfully had pleaded. But last week Chief Justice Alex Hickman dismissed the case, saying there were no reasonable grounds for the action. The decision can be appealed.

From Holland, claims are said to also have been made by de La Penha descendants in 1864 and 1950, with the latter plaintiffs making an attempt to go all the way to the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

All of these claims have been based on a document signed by King William of Orange in 1697 which purportedly grants wide tracts of land in Labrador in perpetuity to the de La Penhas. There are variations on the de La Penha story but this basic account can be pieced together from the yellowed clippings from The Montreal Star, The Gazette and London Jewish Chronicle which can be found in the Canadian Jewish archives.

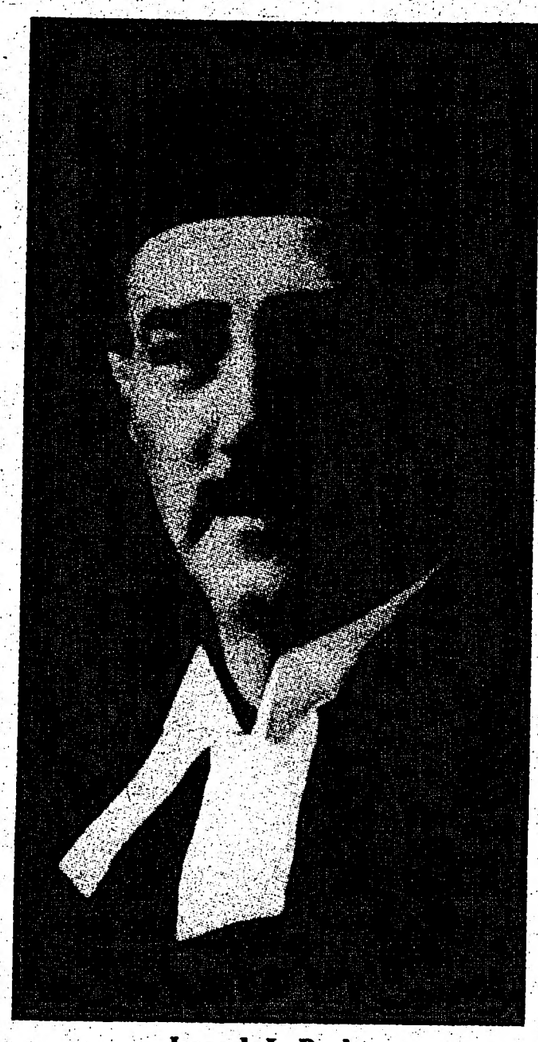
It begins in 1677 when one Joseph de La Penja (the old spelling) was one of a seafaring party which took possession of Labrador for the Dutch royal family affixing the "Coat of Arms of Nassau and Orange" on its soil. The expedition may not have been deliberate; some historians think the adventures simply drifted off course, and bumped into the northern peninsula's forbidding steep cliffs.

De La Penja was a well-to-do merchant from Rotterdam, apparently with extensive shipping interests, and a member of one of the earliest and most prominent Spanish (some sources say Portuguese) Jewish families to settle in Holland after the Inquisition. An interesting sidelight to this is that de La Penja may be the first Jew to have set foot in Canada . . . long before Aaron Hart who arrived in 1760.

Some years later, again at sea, the same de La Penja is supposed to have saved Crown Prince William from drowning when the latter's ship was in danger of going down in a storm. On Nov. 1, 1697 the by then King William of Orange [William III of England] issued a deed to a large area of Labrador to Joseph de La Penja in apparent appreciation for saving his life. It was signed by "William Rex" and his secretary Wm. Van Hulst at the Palace of Loo, the summer seat of the royal family. A more cynical assessment is that the grant was made to de La Penja for helping to finance William's attempt to assume the throne of England in 1688.

In any case, this is the document which the de La Penja descendants have presented as their legal title to Labrador. In translation from the Dutch, the document is said to read thus:

"William by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Prince of Orange, Hereditary Governor and Stadholder of Gelderland and the county of Zutpen, Holland, Zeeland, Westfriesland, Utrecht, Overysel, and the Province of Drenthe, Hereditary Captain General and Admiral of the United Provinces.



Isaac de La Penha

"Make known Whereas in the year 1677 discoveries and possession have been made in our name of certain territores situated in the northern part of America formerly in no one's possession but known only for shipwrecks suffered on the coasts under the name of Labrador, Central and Estotiland and that since the aforementioned taking possession, on the twenty-third day of September of the said year, our Coat of Arms of Nassau and Orange have been fixed there in order that we might dispose of them to people who may wish to establish there a commerce under our authority and protection.

"As such and being willing at the instance of Joseph de La Penja, citizen and inhabitant of the City of Rotterdam by virtue of therefore mentioned taking possession of the said territories and there unto belonging, having granted and do grant by these unto the said Joseph de La Penja, the nominal and territorial rights, high, middle and low jurisdictions, to and over the said territories and the coast as far as it extends itself from the 54th to the 60th degree of northern latitude with all the land, woods, forests, rivers, fruits and fisheries situated there in and of the same, with the full right never ceasing, perpetual or immortal tenure, inheritance for them and his lawful heirs and successors, by they men or conformably to the regulations of the Feudal Law.

No one tried to take land

"In granting or giving away unto others any part of these lands by tenure it is provided that after the expiration of two years from the date hereof shall be paid or cause to be paid in our behalf forever and to our heirs or those empowered unto offices for the time being appointed for that purpose one per cent of all goods or wares which shall be exported from them or to other countries.

"And that said tenure shall be subjected to a feudal gift with a Northern Eagle or ten geldent ducats, each time of its coming into other hands, demise or other dispositions and paying homage to us our heirs or into the hands of our deputies and taking the Oath of Allegiance and confronting in every respect to this, we there fore promise to the said Joseph de La Penja and his posterity the possession of the said territory, and protection and defence of our vassals against all vexations and molest."

As far as is known neither Joseph nor any of his immediate descendants tried to take possession of the Labrador land. It may be that Joseph, ignorant of the bounty of minerals in Labrador, felt a little cheesed off by this bleak, inhospitable outpost as his reward. Holland was, after all, one of the great sea and colonial powers of Europe by the end of the 17th century.

By the 1763 Treaty of Paris, England acquired Labrador from France.

Daniel de La Penha told the Newfoundland Supreme Court that the family's petition for its rights to the Labrador territory was "casually and irresponsibly dismissed" by the British Crown in 1864.

The bid in 1926 by Isaac de La Penha, who seems to have been the only member of the family to settle in Canada, dragged on for years past his death up till close to the start of World War II. By the late 30s, the surviving sisters and widow were reportedly ready to take their case to the highest Canadian courts.

The matter seems to have been shelved by the British before any final decision was reached, it being determined in 1927 that Labrador was part of Newfoundland.

However, by the time of de La Penha's death in April, 1935, his lawyer Sol Eliasoph of Montreal was still optimistic of a satisfactory settlement. He reported that the Home Office in England was still considering the validity of the claim, saying that a decision would be made within the next two months.

If the decision was favorable, the family would be paid $1.5 million for the development rights by those wishing to exploit the Labrador territory's natural resources. Value of that territory was fixed at $10 million in 1935. Although it was known by then that Labrador had some mineral wealth, obviously de La Penha could not have imagined just how much bounty it really held.

Isaac's two sons, Abraham and Philip and daughter Sarah predeceased him but one grandchild, evidently Daniel, survived in New York. Isaac's widow, Clara, died in 1940.

Daniel says he has been working on how to bring the family claim on Labrador to a successful conclusion on and off since 1946. "This is the largest land grant [approximately 58,000 square miles] ever given to a Jew," he wrote in a letter to Moment Magazine almost two years ago. The total area of Labrador is 112,000 square miles.

De La Penha also wrote: "There was an excellent chance for settlement in the early 30s, but the untimely death of my grandfather, Isaac de La Penha, of Montreal, Canada, in 1935 caused certain interested parties to lose interest. Also from 1935 on there were many world-shaking events that placed this matter on the back burner.

While he says he is the only surviving male de La Penha, Daniel said his grandfather's sisters have many descendants today.

The year after Newfoundland became a Canadian Province in 1949, four Dutchmen, calling themselves de La Penha descendants, were searching for documents to "prove conclusively" their claim on the Labrador territory.

Eliasoph, Isaac de La Penha's lawyer, was dead by 1950 and his brother said that all records of the case which was launched in 1926 had either been destroyed or lost.

The original deed has been an elusive thing over the years. During the 1926 claim, it seems everyone was searching through the Dutch archives for it, including Quebec premier L. A. Taschereau. By 1956, it is said to have been owned by a Joseph Salzedo of London who claimed to have acquired the rights to it from the family. However he refused to show it in the Tercentenary Exhibition of Anglo-Jewish Art and History. The deed may have at one point been in Cincinnati at the American Jewish Archives.

Longtime Canadian Jewish Congress archivist David Rome, who has seen a photostat of the deed, says much of it is illegible.

In any event, Daniel de La Penha said he found the original document in 1967 at the Royal Commonwealth Society in England. On the strength of its contents (which he is able to read), he told Newfoundland Chief Justice Alex Hickman that he owns part of Labrador running between Cape Chidley to Fish Cove Point on the south side of Groswater Bay, a distance of about 580 kms.

His lawyer Robert Wells (de La Penha also engaged the services of a Washington law firm) argued that Holland had a just claim on Labrador by virtue of that 1677 venture to which Joseph de La Penja was a party and that Labrador remained undisputed Dutch territory for 100 years.

In any case, even when sovereignty over territory changes, the private ownership does not. Therefore when England acquired Labrador, the royal land grant to the de La Penhas still remained their property.

De La Penha said he found evidence in 1982 that the British Crown treated his grandfather's claim "fraudulently."

Newfoundland's Crown attorney asked that this latest claim also be dismissed saying that Newfoundland was granted jurisdiction over land in Labrador by virtue of the 1844 Crowns Lands Act and therefore the earlier petitions to Britain by the family were never valid. Furthermore, Dutch feudal law, under which the title to the land was given, does not apply in Newfoundland, he said.

He counterargued that sovereignty over land does not represent title and possession includes occupancy and settlement.

In the meantime, de La Penha may find another group has an even stronger claim on Labrador. The Inuit population of Labrador is preparing to negotiate with the federal government this year its aboriginal title to the land. One of the people playing a key role in preparing their case is Nathan Elberg of Montreal, an anthropologist working as research director of the Labrador Inuit Katiqatigiininga (Association).

Inuits hold aboriginal title

"The fact is that the Inuit of Labrador (numbering about 3,000 today) have held aboriginal title to Labrador since time immemorial. Labrador Inuit claims have been recognized by the governments of Canada, Newfoundland and Quebec and negotiations to clearly define the nature and guarantees in this title are expected to begin early this year," said Elberg.

The Inuit and other native inhabitants are concerned about future development of the land and their share in the control of natural resources.

And not dead yet are the Quebec nationalists' claim on Labrador. The president of the Saint Jean-Baptiste Society, Gilles Rheaume, explained: "We still believe Quebec should fight for Labrador. It has been French territory for four centuries (1984 is the 450th anniversary of French explorer Jacques Cartier's landing at the Gaspe Peninsula and taking possession of the territory for the King of France)."

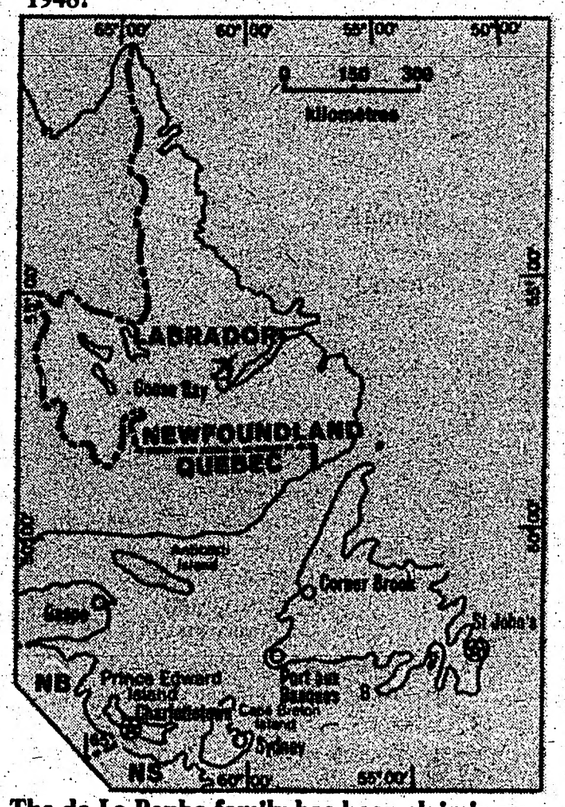
Rheaume said that the 1927 decision by the British Privy Council to give Labrador to Newfoundland, an English colony, was made without Quebec's agreement and members of the Society to this day do not recognize Labrador as Newfoundland's.

"The records show that some of the judges of the Privy Council had private interests in a company that was exploiting Labrador at the time," he said.

Although the Parti Quebecois sympathizes with the Quebec claim on Labrador, as a government it has never brought the issue to the fore, said Rheaume. In fact, Union Nationale Premier Daniel Johnson was the last to do so in the early 60s.

But the disappointment of the Saint Jean-Baptiste Society is mild compared to that of a fringe Quebec nationalist group, called Association Labrador Quebecois-Les Grondines.

According to Elberg, this association has been lately circulating its own incredible twist to the de La Penha-Labrador story. The Quebec government did not push hard enough for Labrador, it says, at the request of the federal government which was reserving Labrador as a Jewish homeland in the event that Israel was defeated by the Arab states in 1948!



The de La Penha family has been claiming a rocky part of Labrador's coast for over 300 years.

Opinion

PRO & CON

Israel-U.S. relations seen in different lights

Last December, in Washington, Israel and the U.S. agreed to revive their strategic cooperation in the Middle East. The Jewish Exponent of Philadelphia welcomes the development, but The Jewish Floridian of Miami is wary. Shmuel Katz, writing in The Jerusalem Post, compares the event to recent U.S. policy.

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This feature is edited by Sheldon Kirshner.

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THE JEWISH EXPONENT

For years, Israel has been attempting to convince the United States that it is our only dependable ally and the only true democracy in the Mideast. But the argument went largely unheard.

Our government was too busy trying to make and keep friends in the Arab world. We grew cozy with Iran; we engineered a peace accord between Israel and Egypt; we agreed to sell the AWACS to Saudi Arabia; we talked of arms sales to Jordan; we believed that Syria was sincere in wanting peace.

And in return, the United States received nothing of substance. Iran turned against us. Egypt began straddling a diplomatic fence, fearful of appearing too friendly with Israel. The Saudis have done little to promote peace. Jordan's King Hussein rejected joining peace talks with Israel. Syria broke what we publicized as a promise to withdraw from Lebanon.

Meanwhile, Israel, by its invasion of Lebanon, exposed to the world the terroristic threat that was being perpetrated in the Mideast by the Palestine Liberation Organization and its friends in Syria and the Soviet Union.

But the United States remained aloof, believing that closeness with Israel would offend the Arabs.

Finally, the United States appears to be awakening to these contradictions in its policies. This week, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was embraced at the White House as a long-lost friend.

Hopefully, the shift in Reagan administration policy is more than just a re-election bid and an effort to win favor among Jewish voters. We would like to believe that our government has finally realized that Israel is the only Mideast ally that can be counted upon in the crunch — be it diplomatic or military.

To some in the state department and Pentagon, Shamir left the United States with riches he didn't deserve. To others, Shamir got a pittance — too little, too late.

With time, possibly the Arab apologists in our government will come to recognize the sorry record of Arab cooperation with the United States. Then Israel will be treated with the same regard as France or Britain and will no longer have to defend its position as our only true Mideast ally.

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THE JEWISH FLORIDIAN

There is reason to be skeptical of the new United States relationship with Israel. Initial reports from Washington following President Reagan's two days of talks with Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens suggest that Reagan gave the store away.

There are plans for a joint Israeli-U.S. political economic group; more military and economic aid; and sweeping agreement on virtually every issue except the continued U.S. opposition to expanded Jewish settlement of the West Bank. What is one to make of this sudden coziness?

The U.S. change of heart toward Israel and the region apparently goes back to the many events since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in June, 1982, which was received with varying degrees of unease in Washington.

Since then disaster has struck over and over again: Reagan's Mideast peace initiative was sidetracked; the PLO in-fighting has also eliminated Arafat as a pawnbroker; foreign troops have not been withdrawn from Lebanon; and that country is just as far away as it has ever been to achieving some semblance of sovereignty and independence.

The U.S., which has maintained a staunch anti-Soviet policy throughout the world, is increasingly concerned about the Syrians, which have the implicit, if not explicit, support of the Soviets. There is a growing realization that the moderate Arab states, particularly Saudi Arabia and Jordan, have been unhelpful to Reagan in his efforts in the region.

Exactly what the U.S. now expects from Israel is anyone's guess. Perhaps it is just military coordination. But Israel should be leary of providing political concessions that serve solely the purposes and interests of the United States, and not those of the Jewish state.

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By
SHMUEL KATZ

Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens returned from meetings in Washington with President Ronald Reagan and his advisors, beaming with euphoric smiles and making encouraging statements about agreement reached on increased U.S. economic aid, on possible enhanced trade relations and — the crux of the agreement — about providing for a degree of strategic consultation and cooperation . . .

The whole agreement was enveloped in an unconcealed consensus on the common interest of Israel and the U.S. in deterring Syrian belligerence and blocking the expansion of Soviet power in Lebanon.

In short, an apparent reversal of U.S. policy. For seven years, Washington fostered the Syrian involvement which undermined Lebanese independence, transforming the Beirut government into a puppet of Damascus. It stretched out a protecting arm to the PLO — which used Lebanon as a base for attacks on Israel's civilian population, established Lebanon as the central headquarters of international terror, and subjected its population to a reign of rapine and murder.

Washington worked to frustrate every Israeli effort to break the power of the PLO. It successfully pressed Israel in 1981 (at Arafat's behest) to stop its offensive against PLO bases, thus giving Arafat his breathing space to prepare, with Soviet aid, a new, massive offensive against Israel; and indubitably thus forced upon Israel the Peace for Galilee operation in 1982.

That operation laid the foundation — at great cost to Israel — for tremendous objective advantages for both Israel and the U.S. It destroyed the PLO base and structure; it established conditions for renewed Lebanese independence; it clipped the Syrian wings.

These gains were largely undermined by the application of traditional American policy — dancing to the Saudi tune, urging the Lebanese president to distance himself from Israel, exerting pressure on Israel calculated to prevent the completion of its speedy military success.

. . . it is absurd and hypocritical to hint or pretend (as opposition Labor Party spokesman have) that the proposed cooperation with the U.S. conflicts with Israeli interests.

It is an Israeli interest to prevent Syrian domination of Lebanon — which is but an instalment in its design to include all of Palestine, on both sides of Jordan in "Greater Syria." It is an Israeli interest to have a peaceful, stable, independent and friendly Lebanon as a neighbor.

If Washington has finally awakened to its own interest in these objectives, the people of Israel (including the Labor Party) may permit themselves to share in Shamir's and Arens' satisfaction at the Washington agreement; and to hope and pray that it will succeed in its purpose.

Not for a moment, however, must it be forgotten that the American turnabout on Lebanon is a "local" aberration from its traditional policy. It does not signal a change in Washington's attitude, unchanged for so many years and indeed obsessive, on the crucial issue of Israel's future. It persists in its intention to press Israel to withdraw to the 1949 Armistice Lines and bring about Arab rule in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Begin's exit from the scene strikes blow to lasting peace

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

President Carter's chief Middle East advisor in the White House, William Quandt, credits Menachem Begin with being "a past master at negotiation" who was willing to give Anwar Sadat what he wanted in "strict Israeli-Egyptian terms" while refusing to give the Egyptian president "anything significant on the Palestine question."

On the tactical level, Quandt says, Begin was "doubtless brilliant, out-maneuvering his fellow Israelis, the Arabs, and the American Presidents."

"If there is anything that Menachem Begin can take quiet satisfaction from at the end of his tenure, it must be the knowledge that Israel's presence in the West Bank, Gaza and Jerusalem is all but permanent," Quandt, a critic of Begin while in the White House, summarized.

Quandt's views are presented in the current issue of The Brookings Review, quarterly publication of the prestigious Brookings Institution, a leading research organization on issues of domestic and foreign policy.

A senior fellow in the foreign policy studies program at Brookings, Quandt, who was on the National Security Council as a Middle East specialist in the Nixon and Carter administration, is currently engaged in a study of the Camp David agreements.

Among his points were that while he reached peace with Egypt, "as Begin fades from the scene so also does the promise of a real, lasting peace;" "whatever grand design" Begin may have had in moving into Lebanon in 1982, "little of it could be seen in the murky Lebanese realities of late 1983;" "many of Begin's admirers, and most of his critics, feel that the war in Lebanon was really fought to strengthen Israel's grip on the West Bank and Gaza;" "Syria, Israel's most vocal enemy, managed to emerge from the military setback in Lebanon to claim a surprisingly strong position a year later."

In his 4-page article in the Review, Quandt seems to imply Begin never promised Carter to halt settlements in the administered territories.

In their highly publicized and long-standing dispute that continues to simmer, Carter insisted that a freeze had been agreed to by Begin at Camp David pending completion of negotiations on their status but Begin strongly disputed this version. Begin said he agreed only to a 3-month halt following Camp David.

While Quandt does not specifically refer to this Carter-Begin dispute he wrote that "the U.S. and Egypt tried to get Begin to agree to a freeze on settlement activities in the occupied territories" but "Begin was masterful in resisting all pressures." Sadat himself agreed following Camp David that Begin made no commitment to a freeze on the terms Carter asserted.

Describing Begin's "political acumen," his ability to control the agenda, "turn to good advantage his reputation for intransigence," and his "great sense of timing," Quandt said "Begin left Camp David having achieved far more of his objectives than Sadat and Carter achieved of theirs."

Quandt observed that Begin "would push negotiations to the breaking point and then at the last moment would give just enough to get what he really wanted in return."

For example, at Camp David, Quandt wrote, "he was unwilling to agree, until the next to the last day of discussions, to remove Israeli settlements from Sinai. By then, Sadat had already threatened to walk out once, Carter had nearly concluded that the talks would end in fai and a whole host of issues were still left to be resolved. Finally, in one marathon session of negotiating, Begin yielded on the question of settlements in Sinai and in return won removal from the agreement of several key points that would have held Israel to the 'peace for withdrawal' formula on the West Bank."

Begin, Quandt said, was "unyielding" on "the Palestine question — and especially on the issue of territorial compromise over what Begin always called Judea and Samaria."

Quandt concluded that "whether or not (Begin's) vision of Israel is one that his own countrymen will want to live with for long, he has left them a powerful legacy. And Begin's name will be linked with other great Israeli leaders — Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir, for example — who in their time held him in contempt."

MURDERED FAMILY

Lillian Abadi, with 6-year-old son and daughter, 4, were found brutally murdered in the Jewish quarter of Aleppo, Syria, on Dec. 8. Lillian's husband Victor, a jewelry worker, returned home to find the bodies of his pregnant wife and children mutilated. No suspects have been arrested in what many believe was a racist killing. [CJN Jan. 5]

Opinion

Grafstein appointment barometer of our adjustment

New conditions bring changes in Jewish life

By
J. B. SALSBERG

For a considerable period of my adult life I was fascinated by the evolutionary transformations that were reshaping Jewish family life, as demonstrated by the extended Grafstein family in this country.

Not that their experience was particularly unique or rare. The process of change was widespread, especially since the last quarter of the 19th century. But in the Grafstein case the pattern of change was visible in a larger format because of the many branches of the old family tree and because I knew many, if not all, of that family.

J. B. Salsberg

Early in this century a popular Yiddish dramatist, David Pinsky, wrote a play called The Family Tzvi (Die familye Tzvi). It depicted the breakup of the old, the traditional Jewish family lifestyle as a result of the new social and political winds that penetrated the European countries in which the majority of world Jewry lived at that time.

The age-old, religious mould of Jewish family life gave way under the hammer blows of change that came from without. On the occasions when the whole Tzvi family gathered around the ancestral table, the gatherings turned into passionate, ideological confrontations. While the father remained unaffected by change the sons, on the other hand, represented every nuance of the rapidly changing scene.

One son had become an internationalist type of Socialist; another championed Zionism; still another defended the Socialist-Zionist faith; one was a Bundist believer in Jewish national and cultural autonomy; and one was a Territorialist who sought Jewish statehood in any suitable territory that could be found, and not necessarily in Eretz Yisrael.

The transplanted Grafstein family tree in Canada was not quite a replica of Pinsky's Family Tzvi. But the Grafsteins did manifest many of the basic changes that the new conditions wrought in Jewish life.

Moyshe Grafstein, who were blessed with many beautiful and talented daughters and one son, would have fitted into the mould of what we have come to know as a secular but very proud Jew. Kindness and helpfulness to fellow men was the hallmark.

Meylech Grafstein, briefly of Toronto but, for the balance of his life a member of the London, Ont. Jewish community, was wedded to the blossoming of modern Yiddish literature and cultural concerns. Throughout his life here he nurtured the cultural aroma of modern Yiddish creativity that he inhaled in the corridors of the historic Yiddish Writers Club of Warsaw and in the Yiddish press of that time.

London became his base of operation for the furtherance of the world of Yiddish, in the original and in English translations of the Yiddish classics. That dedication absorbed all and more of what he earned in his modest business enterprise.

Another brother, Yarmiyahu (or, in plain Yiddish, Yarmyeh) brought the old country traditional way of life to Toronto and never departed from it. He was a most trustworthy shoichet, at home in the rabbinic literature, and even retained the garb of an "old-country shoichet" throughout his life here. He and his wife were friends of my parents and Yarmeh's sons seem to adhere to their father's Orthodox ways. A grandson, an MD, is currently serving with the Israeli army medical corps.

And finally, there was brother Simche Grafstein, of London, Ont., the father of Jerry (Yerachmiel) Grafstein, the newly appointed member of the Canadian Senate.

I wish that I would have known Simche better than I did. From what I do know I would say that he fitted in between his brothers Meylech and Yarmyeh. He was very much traditional but with a modern touch. His shul in London, Ont., and the small group that pored over the pages of Talmud with him, provided him with spiritual sustenance. He wanted his son to become a rabbi but the son, the new senator, chose law after a brief "acquaintance visit" to each of the three major denominational rabbinical colleges in New York.

What a difference the Grafstein family [and countless other families of similar background] covered from Washniow, Poland, to present-day Canada! And it's not a matter of physical distance, of miles or kilometres . . . but in terms of social, spiritual and political change.

Why, some readers may ask, am I devoting two columns to the appointment of a Jew to the Senate? Because even for a non-Liberal it is an event with a difference.

How many senators have we with whom I can talk in Yiddish? How many senators have we who asked to be sworn in wearing his own Yarmulke and have the oath taken on two (not just one) Hebrew Bibles so that each of his two sons should possess an "original" that was used for the occasion?

How many like that have we in the Senate? Really, how many?

So what? some will ask. So what, I would reply impatiently and I would add that as a barometer of our adjustment in this land it is worthy of a warm welcome and even of a shechianu.

But, Senator Grafstein, you haven't even got a minyan in the Senate, so what will you do if and when you may need one?

Don't spread this in public, Mr. Senator Yerachmiel, but I could, without effort, provide you with a list of a few hundred panting applicants for the few additions needed to make up the minyan. I suspect that some Tories would be prepared to sit as Liberal members of the Senate solely for the purpose of being available for a minyan.

Good luck, Jerry!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters.

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ISRAELI PORNO SHOCKS HER

After reading your shocking Jan. 5 article ("Magazine sees pornography as plague sweeping Israel"), I realize how Jews without Torah can become baser than the basest of non-Jews.

Israel, beware! Jews in general want to get away from the old-fashioned practices of Orthodox Jewry. But it is abundantly evident that Jews without Torah, who try to mimic trends rampant in the rest of the world, fall into the same immoral practices as some of our trendy, Baal-worshipping ancestors, with their abominable sexual rituals.

Kathy Edelstein
Montreal

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1-NIGHT STAND TAKES 2

Here is my reply to Susan Judith Bartenstein's Jan. 19 letter headed "Mixed marriage a heartbreaker":

So your heart is breaking because Jewish "boys" are:

(1) Marrying Gentile "girls";
(2) Becoming homosexuals;
(3) Only interested in 1-night stands.

Well, I say:

(1) Jewish **women** are also marrying Gentile **men**;

(2) You don't become a homosexual instantly, the way your letter makes it appear;

(3) As long as you young women allow a 1-night stand, it suits Jewish boys fine.

My advice is to date **men**, not **boys**, young lady. Also, express a keen interest in them and show them you care. And, in that way, you could find the man of your dreams and develop a more healthy relationship together.

Howard L. Rosen
Toronto

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HITS MALE HYPOCRITES

As a woman raised within the Conservative movement, I find it difficult to understand why the prospect of a few dozen female rabbis should throw such terror into people. The argument that it is not halachically proper smacks of hypocrisy, since it is deemed proper for men and women to sit together and for women to have a bat mitzvah.

In a recent thoroughly insensitive article, Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat asks if "human rights are at stake? Is hurt involved here?"

How would Rabbi Shuchat feel if, one day, he was told he could no longer be a rabbi, no longer count as part of a minyan, no longer have an aliya, and no longer hold the Torah? He would be told that there was no "injustice, sexual or otherwise, in current synagogue roles," for he could give divrai Torah and hold special men's services if he wanted.

As Susanah Heschel commented in her perceptive lecture at Toronto's Jewish Book Fair, women who seek changes within Judaism do so out of a love of their faith and a desire to be full participants. The status quo should realize that, by trying to force women back into their "traditional" roles, they will only drive them, bitter and broken-hearted, away from Judaism.

Francine Dick
Toronto

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HIS FATHER WAS FIRST

In your Jan. 12 Montreal edition's column by Lou Seligson, it is stated that Harry Shapiro was the first Jewish broker on the stock exchange. With all due respect to Mr. Shapiro, I think he is mistaken.

On Nov. 1, 1962, my late father, David Benjamin Malin, became a stockbroker on both the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges. Please note that I have spoken to Mrs. Benoit (Pierre Lortie's secretary — the current president of the MSE) who confirmed my facts that Ben Malin was a partner in Flood, Wittstock & Co., Nov. 1, 1962.

Both Eric Kierans (the then president of the Montreal Stock Exchange) and Carson Flood were present at my bar mitzvah in December, 1962, as a result of their successful efforts in helping to break the so-called Stock Exchange Jewish Barrier.

Marvin Mallin
Montreal

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READ WITH MUCHO GUSTO

Amazing how so very many people read The CJN with great gusto!!

That was the reaction our Party Word service got as a result of Cynthia Gasner's fine Jan. 5 article, "Tepperman's service is the last word in parties."

Kitty Tepperman
Toronto

David Ben-Gurion during a Toronto visit.

BEN-GURION MEMORIES

The Canadian Zionist Federation is producing a program in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the death of David Ben-Gurion.

This program will take place near the end of February.

If there are any members in the community who had a personal association with Israel's first Prime Minister and would like to make some contribution to the format of this program, I would be most grateful if they would contact me at (416) 665-7935.

Monty Robins
Toronto

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RUN, KIDS, TO RUN

I recently had a most moving and intellectually stimulating experience as a patron at the Leah Posluns Theatre's recent production of Run, Jacob, Run.

How I wish that all Jewish children in our community would run to see Run, Jacob, Run.

Carol Eckler
Toronto

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ANTI-SEMITISM OR JEWISM?

Re your Jan. 12 report on B'nai B'rith Canada distributing 11,000 posters bearing the slogan, "Anti-semitism is anti-human":

I question the usefulness of this poster campaign. "Anti-semitism" is a code-word, which long ago ought to have been eliminated from circulation. When Whilhelm Marr of Hamburg first bethought himself of this code-word in 1879, he wanted to emphasize his opposition to Jews as an alleged "semitic" racial grouping in Germany.

"Semitic" is not an ethnic or a racial designation, but a linguistic term, encompassing Hebrew, Arab and similar language families.

In common parlance, "anti-semitism" means anti-Jewism. However, Arabs consider the term as also applicatory: Anti-semitism equals Anti-Arabism. Indeed, the earlier anti-semites in Europe included Arabs together with Jews.

Printing posters with such a message was therefore not only a complete waste of funds, but, in effect, counter-productive. Are other ethnic or religious groupings in Canada going to follow suit by posters such as:

"Anti-Inuitism, Anti-Germanism, Anti-Catholicism, Anti-Pakistanism, Anti-Palestinianism, Anti-Italianism . . . is anti-human?"

For clear meaning, those 11,000 posters should have borne the message: Anti-Jewism is anti-human.

K. J. Herrmann
Concordia University
Montreal

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MISSING HIRSCH MYSTERY

I am in the process of updating a 300-page Jewish genealogy, Ancestors and Descendants, which I printed and distributed limitedly worldwide last year. It contains a history and charts of 13 Jewish families related to my mother.

These families lived in a number of neighboring villages in the lower Rhineland area of Germany. The "root" families include Anschel, Bender, Daniel, Faber, Friesem, Haimann/Heymann, Herz (three of them), Hirsch, Levy and Wolff (two of them).

While I have been able to compile a listing of more than 2,700 members of these families from about 1,700 to the present, I have been unable to locate one branch of the Hirsch family which lived in Richmond, Virginia from 1866 until 1879. I am hoping that by printing this letter perhaps one of your readers can help me solve this mystery.

I am seeking material particularly about the elusive Isaac Hirsch, operator of a millinery shop, who moved from Richmond sometime in 1879, and was not heard from since.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

MIZRACHI-OR CHAIM PROGRAM

The Mizrachi Organization of Canada and the Yeshivat Or Chaim are jointly sponsoring an adult education program. Classes are held at Yeshivat Or Chaim, 159 Almore Ave.

Rabbi Yosef Avior, Rosh Yeshivat Or Chaim, will conduct a class in English focusing on the thoughts and texts of **Rabbi Kook** on Israel and redemption. Classes are on Mondays from 8-9 p.m. beginning Feb. 6.

Rabbi Menachem Gopin, Mizrachi national director, will lead a chavura (learning group), in English, on Hilchot Eretz Yisrael (laws pertaining to living in Israel) on Mondays from 9-10 p.m. commencing Feb. 6.

Rabbi Raphael Posen, shaliach, Board of Jewish Education, continues his Daf Yomi shiur in Hebrew every evening, Sunday through Thursday, at 9.

The program, open to the community at no cost, is part of the ongoing Mizrachi educational program covering religious life in Israel. It also includes the Meyer Gasner Memorial Lecture and the forthcoming address by **Rabbi Shlomo Riskin** co-sponsored with the Canadian Zionist Federation in May.

For further information, contact Rabbi Gopin at Mizrachi at 630-7575 or **Rabbi David Aronson** at Or Chaim at 630-6772.

OLD TYME MOVIE NIGHT

An Old Tyme Movie Night is being sponsored by the Widows and Widowers Support Group at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., on Monday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. For information, call 783-6103. This is open to the community.

YIDDISH FILM FESTIVAL

Adath Israel Synagogue is presenting a Yiddish Film Festival as part of its adult education series. Four classic Yiddish films made in Poland in the late 1930s by producer-director **Joseph Greer** will be shown. They are all full length feature films with English subtitles. Show time is 8.30 p.m.

The series starts on Feb. 6 with Yidl mitn Fidl (Yiddle with his Fiddle) and continues on Feb. 13 with A Brievele der Mamen (A Letter from Mother), on Feb. 20 with Der Purimshpieler (The Jester) and on Feb. 27 with Mamele (Little Mother).

MONTE CARLO CASINO NIGHT

On Saturday, Feb. 11, Forestdale Heights Lodge, B'nai B'rith, is holding its annual Monte Carlo casino night, complete with games of chance, grand auction and door prizes, at the Skyline Hotel, 655 Dixon Rd. Fun and games are from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Food, refreshments and alcoholic beverages will be available. Admission is $5 per person. For tickets, call chairman **Gabe Nachman** at 224-2140 (office), 889-3216 (home) or publicity chairman **Frank Wilson** at 482-2420 (office), 226-9289 (home).

FAMILY SKI PACKAGE

A cross-country ski package for families is being offered March 15-18 or March 16-18, complete with winter sports (tobogganing, snowshoeing) plus special programs for children and evening babysitting. It takes place at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, Parry Sound. For information, call the Jewish Camp Council at 924-6211.

JSF AT YORK UNIVERSITY

Ongoing programs run by the Jewish Student Federation at York University include Hebrew classes for beginners from 5-6 p.m. and for advanced 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday in Ross Building room S 172; Israeli dancing at 5.30 p.m. on Thursdays at the Vanier dance studio, and Chumash from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Administrative Studies Building room 002 every Wednesday.

Classes are open to everyone. Call JSF at 667-3647 for further information.

BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB

At the Beth Tzedec Men's Club breakfast meeting on Sunday, Feb. 5, guest speaker **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** of Holy Blossom Temple will talk about Halacha and Secular Reality: Friends or Foes? Breakfast is at 9.30 a.m. and the speaker at 10. The public is welcome.

MEDICINE IN THE TALMUD

The Shaarei Tefillah winter series of adult education seminars conducted by **Rabbi Moshe Stern** on Tuesday evenings continues on Feb. 7, with Medicine in the Talmud. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. Lecture is at 8 p.m. For more information, call the synagogue office at 787-1631.

THE UNITED ORGANIZATIONS

At a recent meeting of the executive of the United Organizations for the Histadrut, the chairman, **Leo Hertzberg**, re-established the priorities of the group. One of the priorities is to help establish the Toronto Neonatal Wing of the Beersheba Medical Centre. Mr. Hertzberg, a member of the Shedlitz Lookover Society, urged every society and landsmanshaft to undertake to sponsor a special piece of equipment at the hospital.

Leo Hertzberg

The executive, consisting of **Albert Bainerman, Sam Bierstone, Zvi Ferens, Harry Greenberg, Sam Lipshitz** and **Harry Mandelbaum**, voted in favor of a large kickoff function for all the landsmanshaften and societies early in the spring, to be run under the auspices of the United Organizations for Histadrut.

HAMILTON'S SHALOM VILLAGE

Here is the list of additional special February programs at Hamilton's Shalom Village — But first, please note that the Feb. 7 lecture by **Dr. Louis Greenspan** has been postponed to Wednesday, March 7, at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 12 — Guest speaker **Dr. Carl Laskin** of Toronto will speak on Rheumatoid Arthritis at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 15 — Volunteer and guest speaker **Ruth Goldberg** will discuss Drugs and Their Use at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 16 — The Hungarians will be back with a group of dancers and singers at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 19 — Simcha Sunday to celebrate birthdays with **Fred Moyes** and his musical group at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, feb. 21 — A talk by **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** of Holy Blossom Temple sponsored by Pioneer Women, at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 — Jewish culture discussion group with **Gloria Silverman** at 1.15 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 28 — **Mr.** and **Mrs. Yaacov Goldberg** will speak on Your Family Tree and show slides of their trip to Israel at 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 28 — A musical evening with the Hamilton Teachers Choir at 7 p.m. sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre and Shalom Village.

Wednesday, Feb. 29 — Lunch with entertainment by the Stoney Creek Golden 60s Band at the Jewish Community Centre, co-sponsored by Shalom Village at 12 noon.

Programs are open to the community. For information, call the centre at 528-5377 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

EQUALITY IN MARRIAGE

Joining **Rabbi Barry Schnelder** and lawyers **Sydney Himel** and **Anne Silverman** in a panel discussion on Is There True Equality in Marriage Under Jewish Law? scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 4, will be lawyer **Hugh Silverman.** Panel will be featured at a Maleveh Malka sponsored by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood and the Adult Education Committee, taking place at the synagogue at 8 p.m. Guests are welcome. For information, call 633-3838.

PASSOVER SEDERS

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation will be having two Orthodox, traditional Passover seders at the synagogue April 16 and 17. Due to the huge demand, the synagogue is opening registration early. Services will be conducted by **Rabbi Moshe Stern** and **Cantor Yitzchak Aptowitzer**. There will be a 200 maximum limit at each seder.

Catering will be by Peter Graben Caterers, under the supervision of Rabbi Stern. Price per meal is $30 for adults and $18 for children under 12 years of age. For information, call the synagogue at 787-1631.

ALL ABOUT YENTL

At the Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7, film critic **Ruth Margel** will discuss the **Barbra Streisand** film Yentl. The time is 12.15 p.m. and reservations are a must. Call the synagogue office at 789-3213.

MID-WINTER CAMP

A mid-winter camp for boys and girls 7-16 years of age will be running March 11-16 at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, Parry Sound. There will be winter sports, including cross-country ski instruction, arts and crafts, movies, music and dancing. Call the Jewish Camp Council at 924-6211 for information.

HILLEL STUDENTS U OF T

Hillel's annual downtown Shabbaton on Friday, Feb. 3, will deal with Why the Jews: An Inquiry Into the Roots of Anti-semitism, with **Rabbi Shalom Schwartz.** Services begin at 5.13 p.m. and dinner is at 6.45.

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, there is a brunch at noon at Scarborough College, room R 4209. Join Hillel for lunch and view a short film about radical elements in the Middle East. Charge is $1 for Hillel members and $2 for non-members.

Also on Wednesday, the 8th, there is floor hockey at the Bloor JCC at 7.30 p.m. in the small gym. Equipment is provided and there is no charge.

For information on all Hillel programs, call **Betty** at 923-9861.

RECONSTRUCTIONIST WEEKEND

Congregation Darchei Noam, the Reconstructionist Synagogue of Toronto, is holding a Mordecai Kaplan Memorial weekend Feb. 3-4 with **Rabbi David Teutsch**, executive director of the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot. Agenda includes an Oneg Shabbat on Friday, Feb. 3, at 8.30 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith Building, 15 Hove St., Shabbat morning services on Saturday, the 4th, at 10 also at the BB Buidling, and a lecture that same evening at 8, at Hart House at the University of Toronto campus. All sessions are open to the community. For information, call 368-4927.

EITZ CHAIM SCIENCE FAIR

Eitz Chaim Schools invites you to its junior high science fair taking place at 1 Viewmount Ave., Monday, Feb. 6, from 6.30-9 p.m. There will be 100 displays of science topics encompassing biology, chemistry, physics, space and technology. Admission is $2 for adults and 50 cents for students. For more information, call the school at 225-1187.

BETH TZEDEC YOUTH

On Saturday, Feb. 11, members of the Beth Tzedec Junior Congregation will be joining the family service in the chapel for services beginning at 10 a.m. Their grandparents will be given special honors during the service, which will be led in part by members of the Junior Congregation, who are 8-12 years of age. For more information, call the youth office at 787-0381.

Beth Tzedec Youth is introducing a children's choir under the supervision of **Cantor Paul Kowarsky**. Once trained, the children will appear at adult services several times during the year. If you are interested in this choir, call the youth office and you will be contacted about the first organizational get-together and rehearsal.

Beth Tzedec Youth would like to start a Shabbat afternoon study and discussion group for children 10-13 years of age. This group would meet one hour before Mincha on Shabbat afternoons on a regular basis to study aspects of Jewish life and issues facing Jewish people. The group would join the adults for services and seudah shlishit to be followed by Ma'ariv and Havdala. For more information, call the youth office. The group will be under the leadership of **Jonathan Shiff**.

AT SHAAREI BETH EL

At the Sunday morning breakfast meeting at Shaarei Beth El Congregation in Oakville on Feb. 5, **Rabbi Edward Goldfarb** will review and lead a discussion on the book When Bad Things Happen to Good People written by **Rabbi Harold Kushner**. The time is 10 a.m. and the charge is $2.50 per person. Babysitting will be provided. Shaarei Beth El is located at 186 Morrison Rd., Oakville, and the phone number is 845-0837.

NCSY UPDATE

The National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) continues the Free Jewish High School program for students grades 9-13 on Tuesday, Feb. 7, with **Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg** discussing Laws of Kashruth and the Importance of Keeping Kosher. Refreshments will follow. Session runs from 7.30-9.30 p.m. The Free Jewish High School is held every Tuesday evening at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. (lower level).

Want to get away for a weekend? Want to have fun and meet a lot of people? Well, NCSY is holding its annual winter regional Shabbaton Feb. 17-19 in Montreal at Congregation Beth Tikvah. It is open to students grades 9-13. Applications are available at the NCSY in Shaarei Tefillah or by writing to NCSY, 3600 Bathurst St., Toronto, M6A 2O9.

For any further information on these or other NCSY programs, call **Richard Winkler** at 782-3117.

JEWISH IDENTITY

A reminder about the series of three lectures on Jewish Identity sponsored by Congregation Habonim, 12 Hollaman Rd. The first lecture is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2.30 p.m. when **Dr. Morton Manilla** will speak on Jewish Identity in its Historical Perspective. Discussion and refreshments will follow. The public is invited and there is no charge.

SUMMER JOBS AVAILABLE

Over 700 summer jobs are available with the North York parks and recreation department.

Leaders are needed to teach recreation skills (swimming, fine arts, sports, gymnastics, dance, crafts) to children, teenagers and adults. Some leaders are also hired to work part-time during school March break and to teach tennis and coach T-ball during the summer.

Applications are available at the North York parks and recreation department, 5100 Yonge St., 3rd floor, between 8.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. and also at North York high school guidance offices, Canada Manpower centres, and university and college placement centres in southern Ontario.

PW THORNHILL CHAPTERS

Pioneer Women's three newest chapters in Thornhill are having meetings this week.

Yamit Chapter meets on Monday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. at 355 York Hill Blvd. Guest speaker lawyer **Judith Holtzman** will speak on Family Law. For information, contact hostess **Laurie Applebaum** at 886-1343 or the PW office at 636-5425.

Shoshana Chapter gets together Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. at 174 North Meadow Gate.

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CLC PAYS VISIT

A delegation of the Canadian Labor Congress visited Israel recently as guests of the Histadrut. From left to right are Patty Clancy and her father M. Clancy, Fred Tobachnich and Mrs. Tobachnich, Jean Pierre Audet and Mrs. Audet, Roman Gralewicz and Mrs. Gralewicz, William Punnett and Mrs. Punnett, Maurice Silcoff and Mrs. Silcoff, Mel Klarfeld [Histadrut executive, Israel], Pierre Knupp and Mrs. Knupp, and Moe Cooperberg, co-ordinator of Israel project.

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Following the meeting, lawyer **M. Elena Hoffstein** will talk about Family Law. For information, call hostess **Hannah Szarfer** at 731-4267 or call the PW office.

Art to Your Decor will be presented by **Mark Buck** at the Aliza Chapter meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 8.15 p.m. at the home of **Helen Erlick**, 396 York Hill Blvd. For information you can call her at 886-3998 or the PW office.

New members are always welcome. Call the PW office.

CANCER SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS

The Canadian Cancer Society is presently organizing the annual April appeal for funds. Volunteers are needed as organizers and canvassers for the residential house-to-house campaign as well as to assist with telephone and mail work. Seniors are especially welcome. Contact campaign supervisor **Tillie Margolis** at 593-1513 if you can help.

MUSIC STUDENTS CONCERT

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, the Toronto Secondary School Music Teachers' Association is presenting its annual concert, titled Encore, at Roy Thomson Hall. The program is performed entirely by Toronto Secondary School music students. Tickets are $3.50. Contact the music teacher at any Toronto high school for tickets.

for seniors

The **Senior Citizens Club of the Labor Zionist Alliance** is continuing activities during the month of February. The Drop-In Centre is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. . . . The Chess Club is also active. . . . The executive is planning a Purim party and dance for Saturday, March 17, at 7.30 p.m. Guest speaker **Joseph Kligman**, principal of Borochov School, will discuss The Significance and Meaning of Purim. Refreshments will be served and dancing will be to the music of **Moishe Turk's** orchestra. For tickets, call **Kiva Langa** at 638-3732 or **Sam Kemper** at 635-8828 or the office at 633-8579. . . . President of the club is **Jack Goldbach**.

Flower Arranging with **Hosui Kadoguchi** of the Japanese Cultural Centre is the program **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** has scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 1.30 p.m.

Seniors are welcome to join the Wednesday afternoon bridge club at the Bloor branch of the Jewish Community Centre. It runs from 12.30-3 p.m. under the supervision of **Rose Laucke**. . . . Also, the Bloor JCC is presenting a special movie on Thursday, Feb. 2. For seniors the time is 2-4 p.m. and there is no charge. The Bloor JCC is located at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). For information, call **Mark Egan** at 924-6211.

The **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club** + 50 musicale luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 12.15 p.m. features vocalist **Marion Moses** and pianist **Connie Webster**. The cost is $5 and reservations are a must. Call 781-3511. Everyone is welcome.

Club Chaverim, the North-East Jewish Seniors group, meets on Mondays at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. The program on Feb. 6, at 1.30 p.m. features **Prof. Harold Troper**, co-author of Immigration and None Is Too Many, in a presentation of Slides and Views on Old Toronto. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends. . . . The morning programs, oil painting, bridge and English as a second language, run from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. For lunch, you can bring your own (dairy) or enjoy the variety of cheese, herring, egg and tuna salads, fresh fruit and vegetables, available for $1 (all you can eat). . . . For information about all programs, call **Rose Shapiro** at 889-0813.

Come and join **Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club** on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 1 p.m. for a trip down memory lane with old-fashioned songs of the 40s and a singalong by **Blanche Bennett**. Luncheon will be served. For information, call **Carl Pasternak** at 633-2997.

The **Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club's** Jewish literature and discussion group with **Nat Garnick** continues on Monday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m. ongoing programs include Exercise for Health with **Marilyn Tkatch** on Mondays and Thursdays at 11 a.m.; dance classes with **Al Gladstone** at 12.30 p.m. every Wednesday, and oil painting Thursdays at 1 p.m.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

On Thursday, Feb. 2, the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is presenting **Prof. Isaac Bar-Lewaw** of the department of linguistics and literature at York University in a lecture on Jewish Nobel Prize Winners from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. There is a charge of $1 for members and $2 for non-members.

Then on Wednesday, Feb. 8, Prof. Bar-Lewaw begins a 2-part series on Jewish Languages Throughout History. The time and charge is the same as above.

The LLI's Atkinson College lectures continue with **Prof. Anne Shteir**, department of humanities at York University, speaking on Women and Plants: A Fruitful Topic, on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. There is no charge and the community is invited.

The Sunday afternoon program on Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. features Yemenite and Israeli dances choreographed and performed by **Dahlia Nadav** and **Pamela Gullen**. Join in an afternoon of music and fabulous costumes. Charge is 50 cents for members and $1 for non-members. Cafeteria is open for snacks and refreshments. The Wednesday afternoon social on Feb. 8, presents **Cantor Albert Feldman** singing familiar cantorial melodies. That's at 1.15 p.m.

The centre is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. and the phone number is 225-2112.

at the jcc

Learn to help those who are in a medical emergency situation by attending the save-a-life courses offered at the Jewish Community Centre northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St. — Basic CPR is given on the 4th Sunday of the month from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or on the first two Wednesdays of the month from 6.30-10.30 p.m. Fee is $35 for JCC members and $40 for non-members. For recertification (if your last course was taken less than a year ago) the fee is $25 and $30. Call **Shirley Landau** at 636-1880, ext. 255 for details and dates. . . . Standard First Aid runs the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee structure is the same as for CPR. Call **Harry Borenstein** at 636-1880, ext. 248 about this course. . . . The third course, Save-A-Life contains a little bit about both CPR and First Aid and runs the first Sunday of the month or the last two Wednesdays. Fee for complete course is $20 for members and $25 for non-members and for the First Aid or Heart Saver (Metro Save-A-Life) it is $15 and $20. Call **Donna Kamiel** at 636-1880, ext. 323.

Women! Interested in a women's group that is different? Then, join the Women for Action Group at the northern JCC. Group will be talking about relevant issues such as discrimination in the work place, role changes, pornography, women and Judaism, and, more important, the group hopes to take some kind of action in the community on some of these issues. If interested, call **Lisa Nerman** or **Mindy Coplevitch** at 636-1880, ext. 220. Group will be meeting once a week beginning the week of Feb. 20.

The Koffler Gallery of the Koffler Centre of the Arts next show Human Touch/Touche Humaine, will be on display from Feb. 7-29. The exhibition, curated by **John B. Boyle**, contains works by seven Belgian artists. It was first on view at the Niagara Artists' Centre in St. Catharines last May and by July of this year will have toured nine other Canadian cities, including Toronto. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. on Monday to Thursday; 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday; closed Saturday. For information, call 636-2145.

A reminder about the Topics Unlimited lecture organized by PACE department of the Koffler Centre for Monday, Feb. 6, when **Marci Segal** will discuss Creative Problem Solving. Time is 12.30-2 p.m. in the teen lounge. Everyone is welcome. Admission is $1.

At the Bloor branch — Come out on Wednesday, Feb. 1, to discuss **Philip Roth's** Portnoy's Complaint. Discussion takes place at 7 p.m. in the board room of the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). Admission is free. For information, call **Mark Egan** at 924-6211. . . . Sunday, Feb. 5, at 1 p.m. is Arcade Day with computers and games for children and teens. Contact Mark Egan for details. . . . Bridge lovers, be sure to join the Wednesday afternoon bridge under the supervision of **Rose Laucke** from 12.30-3 p.m. Admission for 10 weeks is $10 for seniors and $25 for everyone else. Mark Egan has more information. . . . There is a special movie presentation on Thursday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m. in the main lounge. Admission is free for JCC members and $1 for non-members. Call Mark for details.

At the North-East Branch — Join the Women Over 40 Group of the North-East JCC for an interesting evening with **Debbie Cowitz** of Jewish Family & Child Service who will be discussing Midlife — Joys and Challenges. The date is Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Admission is $2 for members and $3 for non-members. Call 889-0813 if you would like more information.

singles

A cross-country ski weekend for singles is arranged for March 8-11 (or March 9-11 if you can't get away earlier) at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, Parry Sound. Weekend also includes tobogganing, snowshoeing, evening programs and, of course, excellent meals. Call the Jewish Camp Council at 924-6211 for information.

Beth Tikvah Chai Singles Group is having folkdancing and line dancing with **Al Gladstone** on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, lower banquet hall. Come prepared to participate and bring your friends.

North-East Jewish Single Parents Group has planned a no frills dance for Saturday, Feb. 4, at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St., beginning at 8.30 p.m. Dancing to the latest hits and refreshments are all part of this no frills fun — all for the incredible price of 99 cents for members and $1.99 for non-members. For information, contact **Susan Levine** at the NE office at 889-0813. . . . New and prospective members are invited to a New Member Coffee Klatch set for Sunday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. Come and find out what the group is all about and meet those who work hard to make it happen. For information and location, call Susan Levine.

Club Amal (24-40) invites all singles to register for both public and private house parties. For information, call **Sheldon** at 653-1381. Club is sponsored by Canadian Friends of Amal.

Singles are welcome to attend the Bloor JCC Book Club discussion of **Philip Roth's** Portnoy's Complaint on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. in the board room of the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). Admission is free. . . . Also at the Bloor JCC there's a special movie presentation on Thursday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m. in the main lounge. Admission is free for JCC members and $1 for non-members. . . . Call **Mark Egan** at 924-6211 for Bloor JCC events.

Wednesday, Feb. 8, is D & M Nite (discussion and mingle) for **Holy Blossom Temple Single/Single Parents**. It takes place at 8 p.m. in the Phillip Smith foyer at the temple. For information, call **Elliott** at 638-3548 after 6.30 p.m. . . . There is bowling every Thursday at 9 p.m. at Bathurst St. Bowlerama (Glencairn and Bathurst). See old friends and meet new ones. Coffee is served afterwards. Call **Harold** at 635-0446 after 6 p.m. for additional information.

Jewish Singles Project Connect is repeating two popular support groups — Re-Connect, a life skills group for recently separated and divorced Jewish women under 55, is having six consecutive Tuesday evening sessions beginning Feb. 14 and the Men's Awareness Group, a support group for separated and divorced men under 55, is meeting on eight successive Thursday evenings, beginning Feb. 2. For registration and information about these groups, call 731-4600 mornings. . . . Jewish Singles Project Connect invites you to a cocktail gathering Saturday, Feb. 18, at 9 p.m. at Sutton Place Hotel. Tickets are $15 non-refundable. RSVPs are a must by Feb. 3. Call 731-4600 mornings.

A pre-Valentine dance is on the boards for **Total Living Singles 40 +**, Saturday, Feb. 4, complete with **Norm Derrin's** orchestra, refreshments and prizes. The time is 8.30 p.m. in the Arback Hall at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Everyone is welcome. Admission is $5 for members and $6 for non-members.

Dimensions and **Alternatives** are also having a pre-Valentine dance on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 8 p.m. at 788 Marlee Ave. There will be a cash bar, snacks, disc jockey and prizes. For information, call **Marshal** at 222-1352 or call 783-0175.

The **JCC Singles 40 +** Coffee House on Monday, Feb. 6, will focus on Being Jewish After Divorce with **Rabbi Moshe Bomzer**. It takes place in the Good Age Lounge of the JCC northern branch at 8 p.m. For information, call 636-1880, ext. 332 or **Doris** at 636-1687. There is a charge of $1 for coffee and cake.

Circle Saturday, Feb. 11, on your calendar. That's the date of **Solelim's** annual Sweetheart Dance. Watch for details in next week's column.

About People

BOSTON CONSUL-GENERAL

Barnett Danson, chairman of De Havilland Aircraft of Canada and a former federal cabinet minister, has been appointed Canadian consul-general in Boston. First elected as MP for York North in 1968, he served as Prime Minister Trudeau's parliamentary secretary before becoming urban affairs minister and later minister of national defence. Mr. Danson has been chairman of De Havilland since 1981.

JWB TRAINING CONFERENCE

Frances Adler of Toronto's Jewish Community Centre was among 30 JCC membership directors and staff members who took part in a 3-day intensive JWB Membership Training Consultation held in Washington recently. The conference explored the areas of membership development and recruitment in Jewish community centres and YM-YWHAs.

NOODLES THE CLOWN

Noodles the clown (also known as **John Witchel**) turned up in full clown regalia to donate blood at the blood donor clinic at the Jewish Community Centre northern branch last week. Obviously, in addition to delighting kids of all ages with his clown act, the 26-year-old performer does his bit for the community too. This was the 20th time he has donated blood.

ON TOUR

Popular children's artists **Sharon, Lois & Bram** began their 1984 U.S. tour with four sold-out performances concerts in Pittsburgh and from there they go on to Texas for a concert-workshop for 600 teachers in Fort Worth and a series of family concerts in Dallas and Houston.

FORUM ON VIOLENCE

Women's Canadian ORT recently sponsored a community forum on escalating sexual violence, particularly directed against women and children. Panelists, from left to right, were Dorothy Shoichet, chairman and moderator; Robert L. McWhinney, psychotherapist; Susan Cole, journalist, and Rebecca Shamai, criminal lawyer. Program also included a presentation of confiscated video clips by Constable R. Ricketts of Metro Police Project P. [Ben Lechtman photo]

Organizations and People

A 13-year wait

Family's prize is exit visas from Soviet Union

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO — The Finkelstein family of Vilna just won a lottery.

But the prize wasn't money. It was something far more precious: three exit visas from the Soviet Union.

Eitan Finkelstein was a Refusenik for 13 years. In December, for no reason that the family can fathom, they received their permits and were told they had three weeks to get out.

Eitan, Alexandra and 9-year-old Miriam went, leaving behind them parents, close relatives, and a still cohesive Jewish community.

Hundreds of Vilna Jews are waiting for exit visas. At a time when almost none are being issued [only 97 in December] the Finkelsteins seem to have been very lucky.

But, says Pioneer Women national president Pearl Mekler, who met them recently when she was in Israel for the recent Zionist General Council meeting, the stress of years of waiting followed by a sudden, complete uprooting, has left Alexandra, in particular, drained.

With about 30 other guests, Mekler attended a Shabbat luncheon given by Na'amat general secretary Masha Lubelsky for the Finkelsteins. They are staying at Ulpan Raanana, near Lubelsky's home in Herzlia.

"How do you feel about getting out," Mekler recalled asking Alexandra.

"We're still in shock," the young woman answered.

While they're obviously relieved, Mekler said, they have great fear they will never see their families again.

Eitan seemed more at ease than his wife, she said. His family have always been strong Zionists, but Alexandra's are more assimilated.

They were married after he had already been refused permission to leave. "I married a criminal," was how Alexandra put it.

The capriciousness with which visas are granted makes it very hard on all those who have applied, Mekler said.

"It's psychological warfare. It raises the hopes of all those who are left, and it also makes those who get out wonder 'why me?'

"We asked what the others felt, and the answer was — envy. Not anger, but rather 'We wish we could go with you.'

"It's the randomness that keeps them on edge."

Mekler reported that Na'amat women in Israel are sending personal gift packages to Refuseniks. Last New Year's, all 80 chapters in Israel received names of families. Many of them have lost their source of income — Finkelstein, for example, was a high-ranking physicist who was unable to work in his profession for 10 years.

In addition to the gift package project, Pioneer Women Na'amat is building a new community centre in Petah Tikvah, where many Soviet Jews have settled. Centres like this help the new immigrants make the transition, Mekler said.

Pioneer Women Na'amat also supports a wide range of social services in Israel.

The 100,000 members in 12 countries around the world raise funds for day care centres and full care homes; legal aid clinics and community centres; vocational high schools and counseling centres. They offer a number of programs to Arab and Druze women in Israel.

Scare tactics of drinking, driving get the message across for teens

TORONTO — The response to a survey by North York mayor Mel Lastman's Advisory Committee on Drinking and Driving has "been fantastic," says Lastman.

The survey, conducted in North York high schools over the past month, shows that 94% of the students feel strongly that publicity materials, aimed at reducing drinking and driving, belong in the schools.

"These students say that scare tactics are more effective than the velvet glove approach to bring the message to young drivers," the mayor says.

Students were asked to evaluate two posters. One used a dramatic photo of a wrecked car with a hard-hitting caption reading: "A lot of teens had fun this weekend. A lot didn't."

The second had a less dramatic photo and included a softer message: "Before you ride, make sure who's in the driver's seat."

Of the 1,276 students surveyed, 51% selected the scare approach as most effective; 18% chose the soft message and 31% expressed no choice.

The posters were produced by the Insurance Bureau of Canada as part of its 3-year campaign against impaired driving. The mayor's committee was formed almost 10 years ago under the chairmanship of Dr. Jerry Cooper, chief of psychiatry at York-Finch General Hospital.

The committee originated the idea for the survey last spring and enlisted the support of the North York Board of Education. For more information on the study, contact the mayor's office at 224-6157.

North York mayor Mel Lastman discusses posters, dealing with drinking and driving, with Neil Spiegel and Kelly McMath, both grade 11 students at Earl Haig Secondary School.

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Organizations and People

Govt. accused of draining lifeblood of Israel

By VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

The severe economic crisis in Israel and her entrapment in Lebanon are draining the lifeblood of the country, according to Peace Now representative, Prof. Shalom Lappin, chairman of the linguistics department, University of Ottawa.

Speaking recently to an audience of more than 100 people at the Bathurst Heights Public Library, Lappin said that in order to secure peace, Israel must place a freeze on any further settlements and expropriation of land in the West Bank and Gaza, and withdraw Israeli troops immediately from southern Lebanon.

"Every family that moves to Judea and Samaria costs the Israeli taxpayer between $120,000 to $150,000," said Lappin, who was born in Toronto 34 years ago and made aliya with his family in 1970. "Direct assistance to each family that settles in these regions comes to over $30,000.

"The total sum of government investment in settlements on the West Bank in 1982 was at least $200 million. In contrast, government expenditure for neighborhood urban renewal projects was about $35 million," he said.

The government of Israel, he claimed, gives higher priority to the construction of luxury neighborhoods in the West Bank than to the rehabilitation of disadvantaged neighborhoods in Israel's cities.

"This policy comes at the expense of critical social welfare services in Israel, such as schools, hospitals, facilities for the aged, and special education institutions," commented Lappin, who taught philosophy at Ben-Gurion University and linguistics at Tel Aviv University. He is also a contributing editor of the periodical, Viewpoints.

Lappin said that over a million persons have been subjected, since 1967, to Israel's administrative rule which, he said, lies "outside the democratic process of checks and balances."

"Continuation of this situation will lead to the moral deterioration of Israeli society and to an undermining of the very fabric of Israeli democracy.

"The evolution of a dual legal system, which distinguishes between two groups of inhabitants residing in the same territory, creates an apartheid-like system," Lappin said.

He said morale in Israel is low because of a 200% inflation rate.

The recent devaluation of the shekel, the high rate of inflation and the new austerity measures have created a doubling of food prices and a 20% to 30% decline in wages.

Compounding the issue is Israel's involvement in Lebanon.

"The war in Lebanon created a crisis situation and cost Israelis very dearly in civilian casualties. The long range gains, both in political and security terms, have been negative. We have drawn ourselves in as protagonists into a messy situation — a quagmire."

Lappin said military action will not and cannot solve the Palestinian issue. This, he said, can only be achived through negotiations. "The invasion of Lebanon was not necessary to Israel's defence, and can, in fact, do little to further Israel's legitimate security interests."

As a result, he added, the Syrians are more severely entrenched in Lebanon than ever before. Their influence in the Mideast has increased and now they pose an even greater threat.

"This war has created a rift within the country and has isolated Israel within the international community."

"What's been the reaction in the Diaspora?" asked the professor.

"Complacency," he said. "A good part of North American Jewry is opting out, and in doing so, is ruling itself outside of Jewish history.

"The Peace Now Movement believes that the right and duty of every concerned Jew is to make choices — and confront the political, social and moral implications of occupation, settlement and annexation."

Doctor to receive special honor

TORONTO —

A dinner honoring Dr. Charles H. Hollenberg will be held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on Thursday, April 12.

Murray B. Koffler, chairman of the board of the Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute, James F. Kay, national president and Dr. Brenda Kane, chairperson of the Toronto medical committee, sponsors of the dinner, announced that the Charles H. Hollenberg Chair in Diabetes and Metabolism Research is to be established at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot.

This honor will add to the many which Hollenberg, one of Canada's pre-eminent physicians and medical educators, has earned since graduating from University of Manitoba's medical school in 1955.

In Western Canada, the word dynasty is inevitably mentioned in reference to the Hollenberg family's contribution to medicine. Charles' late father, Abraham, was one of five brothers who founded Winnipeg's Hollenberg Clinic, and his two siblings are physicians: Martin Hollenberg, currently dean of medicine, University of Western Ontario, and Dr. Barbara Kaufman, a Cleveland psychiatrist and former pediatrician.

Dr. Charles Hollenberg

Charles and Mimi Hollenberg have one son, Tony, 22, a medical student at the University of Calgary.

Following post-graduate training in internal medicine and endocrinology at McGill and in Boston, Hollenberg's first academic appointment was as lecturer in the department of medicine at Montreal's McGill, which led to his reaching the rank of full professor by 1969.

A year later, he received the appointment as professor and chairman of the department of medicine (Sir John and Lady Eaton professor of medicine), University of Toronto, as well as physician-in-chief at the Toronto General Hospital where he proceeded to develop an internationally - recognized academic department.

During this time Hollenberg established himself as an expert in the field of lipid and carbohydrate metabolism and obesity, and has published and lectured extensively.

When he stepped down as professor of medicine in 1981, he became the Charles H. Best professor of medical research and director of the Banting and Best Diabetes Centre at the University of Toronto.

Recently, he was appointed vice-provost of health sciences at the U of T with responsibility for the faculty of medicine and dentistry as well as allied health sciences.

Hollenberg's association with Israel has been close and longstanding as has been his interest in medical education and medical schools in Israel, as well as in Canada.

Weizmann Institute scientists have for some time been concerned with diabetes mellitus, a disease which affects both children and adults.

There is a strong association between Type II (mature onset) diabetes and obesity. In all types of the disease, there is an increase in incidence of atherosclerosis, including coronary artery disease and stroke, as well as involvement of the eye, peripheral nerve and kidney.

Over the past few years, obesity itself has been studied as a disease state, and Hollenberg's research has contributed much to the understanding of these diseases.

Masqueraders ready for ball

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Advance bookings of tickets are already being received from party-goers who'll be wearing period masquerade costumes reflecting the years 1834, 1884, 1934 and 2034.

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Tickets are $35 per person, and the buffet food, dancing, entertainment and free memento of the occasion will all reflect the theme of the big party — Toronto's past, present and future. For information about tickets, telephone (416) 947-1984.

If you can't attend the ball, you can still take a sentimental stroll down memory lane by reading The CJN's Nostalgia Anniversary Supplement. It will be published March 8, and during the rest of 1984, we intend to run a series of articles about the colorful history of Jewish communities in Toronto and other Ontario centres.

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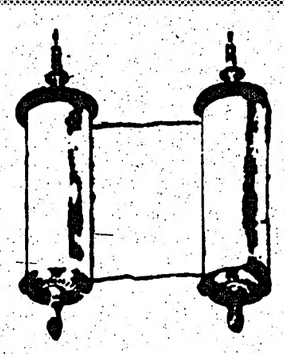

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Terumah/Rosh Chodesh Adar I

There's only one reason to have money — in order to serve G-d.

Rabbi Meir Schapiro founded the Yeshiva Chachmei Lublin that became a beacon of light in pre-war Poland. Once he gave a long drasha, full of Torah thoughts, on behalf of the yeshiva. The audience was full of great scholars and wealthy congregants.

After the speech, the rabbi saw that there was a youngster listening. He went over to him. "Did you understand what I was talking about?" asked Reb Meir.

"Not completely," answered the boy. "All I heard was that the rebbe said something about money."

The rabbi pinched him on the cheek: "If so, you heard my drasha better than all the balabatim."

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This week describes the building of the mishkan — sanctuary — in the desert. The Jews sinned with the golden calf, and G-d said: I cannot spread my holiness in every camp and tent — make Me a special place where my Shechinah shall dwell.

Every Jew gave a machtzis hashekel, a half-dollar, to participate in the building of the sanctuary and its vessels. A large sum was collected. Say our rabbis: "The Jews were suspicious that Moshe wouldn't spend all the money collected on the sanctuary. They demanded from him a din v'cheshbon, an exact accounting!"

Commented the clever Rabbi Meir Schapiro: "Interesting! Before, at the building of the idolatrous golden calf, all the Jews took out their most precious gold and silver, and threw it in for the building of the calf.

"No accounting was asked for! More precious stones were thrown into the pile — for avodah zarah, idolatry! Money went like water, and no one cared.

"But for the mishkan? Each person just gave a paltry half-shekel. But everyone worried — where is my money going? How is it being used?" (Otzar Chaim)

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When it comes to enjoying oneself, there is no second thought. A week or two in Florida? So it costs an extra three hundred dollars — what is life for? One meal in a good restaurant, and fifty dollars disappears.

But for a mitzvah? How much is a mezuzah? What! So much? How much does membership in a shul cost? What! Where is my money going to, to buy golden siddurim? For a mitzvah, there has to be "economy." . . .

What good is money? Why does G-d give us prosperity? Only so that we can serve Him, do mitzvahs, study Torah.

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Every shul is a little mishkan, a sanctuary of G-d. We have to make sure to fill it with kedushah.

A son of a rich man received a new wallet as a present and brought it to school. His poor classmate saw it, and was jealous. He started saving penny after penny, so that he could also have a wallet like that.

Said his rich friend to him: "Why are you saving? Even if you get a wallet, do you then have anything to put in there?"

We build buildings for shuls. We scrape to pay off the building fund. But why do we need the buildings? Just shells?

We have to make sure that our synagogues are filled with prayer, with kindness and love, not gossip, rivalry and division.

May the Shechina always dwell in our midst. Shabbat Shalom.

Thinking of buying or selling your home?
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Timbrell tours Milouot complex

Israel's agri-business impressive

TORONTO —

Ontario's minister of agriculture and food says that although Canada isn't a major trading partner of Israel at the moment, "Israel has some justification in wanting more of the Canadian market."

Dennis Timbrell was speaking on his recent trip to Israel to attend Agritech 83 — the Israeli agricultural and technology and mechanization exhibition — to the Beth Tzedec Men's Club.

Timbrell said he was highly impressed with what he called "some of the most diversified and successful production complexes I know of anywhere in the world."

He spoke of the 32 kibbutzim and moshavim in the Haifa Bay and western Galilee region which make up an industrial, agricultural and marketing organization known as Milouot.

In 24 years, Milouot has grown into a complex of companies that produce fresh fruit and vegetables, medicines, data processing services, prepared foods and other products for domestic and imported use.

"I suppose I could describe it as a compact General Foods. It is a perfect example of what modern agri-business should be."

Timbrell said the Milouot complex "has some of the finest research facilities we've seen outside Ontario and they are doing some very important work.

"One example is their research into the use of cottonseed. They have identified 15 uses for it so far and have begun making some of the products they've discovered."

One of those discoveries is a high protein flour that can be added to ordinary baking flour, which, Timbrell says, is a "monumental breakthrough."

This has proved a boon to Mexico, which, following a tour of Israel by the former finance minister, has teamed up with the Israelis to use the new discovery in a country where supply of high protein food is a problem and the Mexicans have been throwing cottonseed away as waste.

In response to Israel's desire to boost trade with Canada, Timbrell said he looked for products that could be marketed in Canada and Ontario.

"We found several and one in particular, a computerized control system for irrigation. The system does everything from monitoring the amounts of water and fertilizer needed for crops to measuring the wind strength and evaporation rates, to injecting fertilizer and water into the soil exactly as needed.

"In short, the system saves farmers phenomenal amounts of time and worry about the state of their crops."

Timbrell says he is encouraging Israel's minister of agriculture to explore the markets in Canada for these systems.

"We are also exploring possible trades of Ontario tobacco and canola for Israeli citrus fruits."

UJA campaigner founded shoe store

OTTAWA —

Jack Krantzberg, founder of the nationwide Kiddie Kobbler shoe store chain, died recently following a 2-year battle with cancer. He was 59.

The Ottawa-born Krantzberg and his former wife Evelyn opened a small children's shoe store in downtown Ottawa in 1951. By 1983 the business had grown to a 50-store franchise with annual sales of $20 million.

Krantzberg, who changed his name to Krane in the 1940s, recently resumed use of his original family name.

An active officer of the Jewish Community Council for many years, Krantzberg served as United Jewish Appeal general chairman for the 1982 campaign.

In recent months, Krantzberg spearheaded a fund raising drive to help set up an Orthodox synagogue, Beth Shalom West, in the city's west end.

"He was highly committed and highly motivated," JCC executive vice-president Hy Hochberg said. "He was very honest and fair in his dealings with people."

He is survived by his three children, Sam, Julia and Karla.

New government service lets fingers do walking

TORONTO —

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Ethnic squad cops on the job

Anti-semitism is main culprit on Jewish beat

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

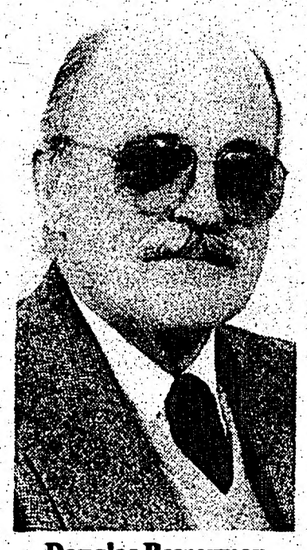
TORONTO — The Jewish ethnic squad, a part of the Metropolitan Toronto Police, is now fully operational.

Officers Mark Mendelson — who is Jewish — and Douglas Bowerman — who isn't — have the job of attending to all police problems related to the Jewish community.

Mendelson, who with Bowerman spoke last week at a Brotherhood and Sisterhood breakfast sponsored by Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, says the squad came about as a result of a desire to work closely with the Jewish community, and to attempt to halt anti-semitism.

Bowerman says that "because the Jewish community is very well organized, both socially and economically, many Jews wonder why they need us.

"We found, however, that in Canada no one on the outside has ever tried to maintain a day to day relationship with the Jewish community or its institutions."



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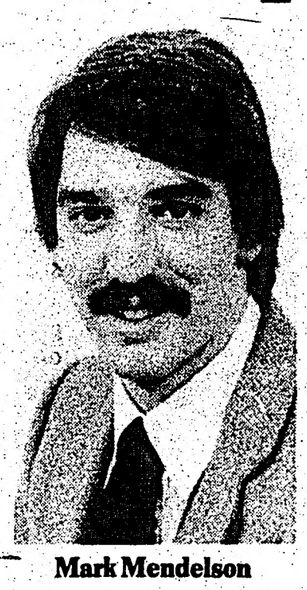

Mark Mendelson

He said that it is essential for both the Jewish community and the police force to understand each other and make every effort possible to "eliminate any possible cause of friction.

"Mark and I direct most of our efforts in that direction," he said.

Bowerman says they teach both police officers and new recruits about the Jewish community and help them to have an appreciation of Jews. "Many recruits are unaware of the differences inherent in ethnic groups," he says.

Anti-semitism is a main concern of the two officers.

"There are three levels of anti-semitism in Toronto. There are those who actively deliver hate propaganda, those who unwittingly make certain gestures and remarks against Jews and those who live in the social woodwork and do not reveal themselves until there is a controversial issue," Bowerman says.

Members of the latter group, for example, write letters to the editor when a specific event upsets them.

Bowerman says the police "try to moderate these anti-semitic opinions and reach out to the people involved."

The Jewish ethnic squad investigates every complaint made by a citizen. "Just call the local police and they will contact us," Bowerman says.

He stresses that the squad will make every effort to determine whether an incident is racially motivated. "If it is a racial occurence, we follow it up and find out why it occurred," Bowerman says.

Mendelson says that it is "our way to try to meet social anti-semitism head on and try to get rid of it."

"An underlying sense of insecurity is often provoked by these anti-semitic clowns and we want to eliminate this insecurity," Bowerman says.

Letter-writing campaign under way

Holocaust teaching urged

TORONTO — The Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress has begun a letter-writing campaign in its efforts to have the Holocaust taught throughout Ontario's public schools system.

It is asking the public to endorse its proposals by writing to minister of education Bette Stephenson.

Nathan Leipciger, chairman, says the committee's efforts over the past five years has been prompted "by our belief that the Holocaust, as an historical event, is relevant for students in Ontario, insofar as it touches on and gives historic depth to discussions of racism and ethnic relations.

"We believe that in a multicultural society like ours it is important for students to understand that extreme acts of racism and genocide have their origins in common behaviors like stereotyping and prejudice.

"Our endeavors have also been prompted by the generally inadequate treatment the Holocaust has received in public education. While improvements appear to have been made, we feel further effort is necessary to make this event part of our public sector's current curriculum."

Leipciger says the committee has approached Stephenson with a proposal to include Holocaust studies in the curriculum guidelines presently under review. While individual school boards determine the content of courses, he says, their choice is limited by these guidelines.

Rights league to monitor trials

TORONTO — B'nai B'rith Canada's League for Human Rights last week announced it is sending observers to the court trials of two men charged under the Criminal Code with spreading false information about the Holocaust.

The two are James Keegstra, former mayor of Eckville, Alberta and Ernst Zundel, operator of Samisdat Publishers in Toronto.

The League is seeking lawyers throughout Canada willing to serve on watching brief committees at the trial level of hate propaganda cases.

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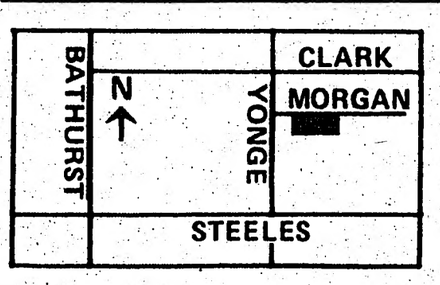

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Organizations and People

NJCRAC director says critics wrong

Israel "doing its job" bringing home Falashas

By GARY COHEN

TORONTO —

Israel is "doing its job" in bringing refugees out of Ethiopia despite claims to the contrary from Diaspora critics, according to Abraham Bayer, international director of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

Bayer told a meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region executive last week that "a shade under 5,000 Falashas" had been brought to Israel over the last 3½ years since the concerted government rescue mission started in 1979. He added that these figures have increased annually with 2,199 Falashas arriving in Israel in 1983.

Bayer would not give details about the nature of the rescue operation or escape routes being used to carry it out due to security reasons, although he stated that the "complicated" operation was being handled on an ongoing basis by an elite Israeli intelligence unit.

He also declined to elaborate on Israeli policy prior to 1979 other than to say that "ignoring the Falashas was not a racist problem — it was a matter of politics."

Israeli policy concerning the Falashas has come under fire from several Jewish groups and individuals, including the American Association for Ethiopian Jews and filmmaker Simcha Jacobovits who both have cited racism as a major factor in determining government action in Israel.

Bayer produced a January 1982 telegram addressed to delegates at the NJCRAC convention from then Prime Minister Menachem Begin which confirms the Israeli government, at least as of that date, had made the "momentous decision to bring home all of our Falasha brethren." In the message, Begin also expresses alarm at Israel's having to "suffer misunderstanding and even abuse" despite its "devoted efforts" on behalf of the Falashas.

Begin stressed, though, that the operation had to remain secretive to ensure its safety.

Bayer said that the "security mentality in Israel," as reflected in Begin's telegram, created problems he felt compelled to speak out on. Bayer said he decided to make some information known "because I came to the conclusion that what is tearing us apart is ignorance and a continual erosion of Israeli credibility.

"The AAEJ came to the conclusion Israel doesn't want the Falashas because they are black and began to pressure the Israelis. But Israel is doing the job — she needs no pressure. The AAEJ is wrong," he claimed.

Despite Israeli efforts, though, Bayer said "the situation is still not in hand — I'm not here to sedate you. If we don't do something to save these people now, how can we live with ourselves — we've already ignored them for 2,000 years."

Vaughan community cemetery gets $33,640 government grant

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

Pardes Shalom Cemetery, the community cemetery in Vaughan, has received a grant for $33,640 from the Canada-Ontario Employment Development Program, a joint federal-provincial project geared to providing employment to those who have exhausted their unemployment insurance benefits.

The announcement of the grant was made by Jim Peterson, MP for Willowdale. It will create four jobs for 14 weeks, and will enable the Toronto Hebrew Memorial Park, which administers the cemetery, to complete the landscaping of the 15 acres of land presently being used for burials.

In making the announcement, Peterson said: "I am pleased that the COED program is making this contribution to the Toronto Hebrew Memorial Park. I have enjoyed working with Ben Schneider, secretary of the board, in securing funds for this worthwhile project."

Schneider, who is the former executive vice-president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, told The CJN that the grant will cover 73% of the total cost of the project, and the cemetery board will provide the remaining 27%.

Although the cemetery covers 89 acres of rolling wooded land on the east side of Dufferin St., 1¼ miles north of Major Mackenzie Drive, approximately 25 acres is ravine land, and the remaining 50 acres will not be touched for at least five years, Schneider said.

Before the cemetery opened in 1977, a landscape architecture design was developed for the first phase. Basic roads were put in and the hilly terrain was leveled.

Now, Schneider said, "we're putting the finishing touches on what we started."

Additional paths are being laid down, and trees and brush are being cleared. A small building houses offices, a waiting room, washroom facilities and storage space for equipment.

The work is scheduled to start in March and will be completed by the summer.

The landscaping takes full advantage of the gentle contours of the land, so that from the road, Pardes Shalom looks more like a park than a cemetery.

It is open to any Jewish family, whether or not they are affiliated with a synagogue or fraternal society, although numerous synagogues and societies have purchased plots.

There is a section each for Orthodox, Conservative and Reform adherents and in addition, there is a community section.

The principles of Jewish law are strictly observed, Schneider said, and the Orthodox rabbinate were consulted at every stage of development.

The grant was made through new job creation funding announced by the minister of finance in the April 19 budget of last year.

Psychiatrist deals with tough subject of death

By LEAH BELFON

TORONTO —

Dr. Gerald Schneiderman, a Toronto psychiatrist, has helped many people deal with loss, both in his private practice and in his book, Coping With Death in the Family.

"Death is very difficult for children to deal with," Schneiderman said in a recent interview with The CJN in which he shared the results of his experience and research on the impact of the death of a parent has on a child.

"But children count on the quality of life in the family that preceded the parent's death in order to come through the experience in a healthy way.

"If prior to the death the climate of the family was such that the parents trusted and respected one another and worked at their relationship with integrity, this will stand the child in good stead. It is these building blocks that will help the survivors readapt to the painful changes that must occur."

Helping the child "face the finality of the loss of a parent is of utmost importance to his or her future development," Schneiderman continued. "If the mourning process is not worked through, personality development is stunted, and normal losses later in life are more difficult to cope with."

Schneiderman feels that children must be told the truth about a parent's death in an age-appropriate way. It is

Dr. Gerald Schneiderman

vitally important, he said, that young children attend their parent's funeral.

Not bringing children to the funeral means setting the stage for an elaborate fantasy life that maybe the parent has gone on an extended trip and might come back some day. The child who goes to the funeral knows that the parent won't be coming back. However, a child who is very anxious should not be forced to go.

Losing a parent at any age is traumatic, but, according to Schneiderman, children react differently at different ages.

"Between the ages of 2 and 4 the child develops fantasies around the parent's return in order to compensate for the death. Children between 7 and 12 tend to act more mature and often become that parent."

Dr. Schneiderman reported the treatment of a 10-year-old girl who upset her father by acting like the dead mother in her attempt to deny the loss and avoid the pain of losing a mother she dearly loved.

"Adolescence is the time for the young person to find himself before separating from the family," Schneiderman said. "The death of a parent during these critical years deprives him of his last developmental opportunity to work out his problems with his parents before becoming an adult."

Schneiderman commented on the treatment of a teen-age girl who had a terrible fight with her mother. The mother was killed in an automobile accident, and the girl perceived it as a reproach towards her. Only after a long period of treatment was she able to move on to healthier development.

Schneiderman, who is also assistant professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at the University of Toronto and is on the staff of the department of psychiatry and the research institute of the Hospital for Sick Children, first became interested in death and the family when he studied families who had lost a child due to tay-sachs disease.

At the present time Schneiderman is doing research on the consequences of the death of a child on the family.

Few million apologies

Renovating and expanding hospitals is a costly proposition, but not to the extent reported in The CJN's Jan. 26 edition [Doctors Hospital gets support from Eggleton].

The correct construction costs for the upgrading of Doctors Hospital in Toronto is projected at $80 million, not $800 million.

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Organizations and People

New community spirit seen

Hopes high at Hamilton UJA campaign rally

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

There were about 30 of them — businessmen, lawyers, doctors, accountants — each one a success in his own particular field, competent and skilled. All would-be canvassers in the 1984 Hamilton UJA campaign.

Following dinner at Adas Israel Synagogue recently, they turned their attention to Lloyd Newman of Halifax, national secretary of UIA Canada, who had come to share his campaign expertise.

Officially, the campaign here kicks off on Sunday, Feb. 12, when Shira Herzog Bessin will be guest speaker at a community-wide breakfast at Temple Anshe Sholom. But in his opening remarks, campaign chairman David Steinberg made it clear that as far as he was concerned, "the campaign opens tonight!"

Stating that the Hamilton community has been in a permanent financial crisis in recent years, Steinberg declared, "I like crises! Communities survive on crises. When things go well, our community becomes lethargic . . ."

But he hoped the present crisis "will help us develop a new community spirit" and that with the assistance of UIA Canada, which, he said, "is helping Hamilton redefine its campaign, I don't think we can miss raising the hoped-for $1 million this year.

And to teach the assembled men the technique "for drawing money out of people," Lloyd Newman was ready with his "anatomy of good canvass."

To be a successful canvasser, he pointed out, you must first of all be well informed. "Give Israel five minutes and read the book," said Newman, who became a canvasser himself when he started wondering where the money went and wanted answers to his questions.

Tzedakah is not charity, he said. "It is social justice for your fellow Jews in Israel and when you see a trickle of Jews from Russia getting off the train in Vienna, you can't say sorry, we have no money . . . Go back.

"You must have a commitment to canvassing, but before you take a card, make your own commitment first.

"Know the person you are canvassing and while you should be patient and tactful, you also need a little bit of brass . . . chutzpah."

Time and place "are more important than you think" and here Newman advised getting a prospect "out of the office and away from the phone and other distractions. Buy him lunch, a drink . . . anything, as long as you get him away from the phone. The telephone," he grinned, "is the greatest anti-semitic instrument ever invented!"

Your first big sales pitch, he noted, "comes when you can't get an appointment. Tell him 'all I want is 15 minutes of your time' . . . impose on the relationship at least that much."

Other pointers are "don't apologize" and "start on an upbeat and be positive. Maintain eye contact and watch body language; never insult the person you are canvassing and only fight objections, not the client. Exert all your effort to close the sale and never leave without defining the commitment and getting a signature.

"Try and enlist the person for work and try to wind up every canvass on a positive note."

B'nai B'rith president Don Jubas, left, and David Raitblat at rededication of the Norman Raitblat Memorial Library at Hillel House.

The Raitblat Library tribute to fighter pilot

TORONTO —

A rededication of the Norman Raitblat Memorial Library took place recently at the B'nai B'rith Hillel House at the University of Toronto.

David Raitblat, Norman's brother, and Don Jubas, president of B'nai B'rith Canada, led the rededication proceedings in the new library on Spadina Ave.

The Raitblat family donated the original library on St. George St. in memory of their son, Norman, a onetime student at the University of Toronto.

In 1939, at the age of 21, Norman became one of the first Canadians to enlist in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He piloted Wellingtons over Germany until his 13th bombing mission, when he was shot down over Hamburg.

His crew perished along with him — with the exception of the rear gunner, Norman Wellwood, who spent the duration of the war as a prisoner and kept in touch with David Raitblat for many years after the war.

"He would be more than 60 years old today," said David Raitblat. "But, to me, he is still a kid. His memory continues to live on in my mind. This library is a fine tribute to my brother."

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Organizations and People

Seen as aid for Hebrew schools

National heritage language centre established

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
The federal minister of state for multiculturalism, David Collenette, has announced the establishment of a national heritage language centre to assist in teaching minority languages at all levels of education.

In a brief ceremony recently at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Collenette presented a check for $250,000 to OISE director Dr. Bernard Shapiro for use during the first three years of the project.

The centre will be housed within the modern language centre at OISE, and initially will work with from 20-30 language groups.

Collenette told about 200 people present, mainly from various ethnic groups, that many of the 100,000 students studying heritage languages in both private and public schools, could benefit from the program.

He said the centre will provide training for heritage language teachers, gather and disseminate materials for use in the classrooms and do research into the problems associated with teaching heritage languages.

Shapiro told The CJN the centre would be available to help Hebrew schools plan and develop new programs and supply the resource materials required. He said the centre would work closely with the community to "see what their interests and needs are, and develop something for them."

Collenette said the grant "underscores the federal government's commitment to promoting the principle of multiculturalism in Canadian society."

He said the government will soon introduce a Multiculturalism Act in Parliament as the second step in entrenching that principle. The government moved in that direction in 1982, Collenette said, when it included a provision in the Constitution recognizing the multicultural heritage of Canadians.

Shapiro told the crowd that while the grant "is not the lottery, it's better than that, since we didn't win the lottery." He said the program will be important for community groups, since it acknowledges multiculturalism as an important part of Canadian society.

Prof. James Cummins, the man designated to head the program, said he hopes the centre will remain relevant by being in constant touch with "the ethno-language cultural community." He joked that the problem would "transform OISE from an ivory tower to a Tower of Babel."

The presentation of the grant, which will be supplemented by $125,000 of OISE money, was greeted warmly by the guests. The president-general of the Association Canadienne-Francaise de L'Ontario, Andre Cloutier, told The CJN the program was a "very positive step."

He said Canadians realize "heritage languages make Canada richer" and added the "only reason Canadians accepted it [the heritage language program] is because Canada is a bilingual country." Otherwise, he said, we'd be like the United States — a melting pot with no room for heritage languages.

Shapiro said the centre would try to find a mix between the needs of the community and the resources available and would "likely begin where there are the largest number of people" — the Greek, Jewish, Italian and Chinese communities.

The centre is expected to begin operations in six to eight weeks.

The Board of Education for the City of North York

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The Board of Education for the City of North York invites written applications for appointment as a Member of the French-language Advisory Committee of the North York Board of Education, to hold office for the unexpired term of Monsieur Leopold Lacroix, resigned.

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Ontario gives grant to Yiddish council

By
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —
The Yiddish Cultural Council of Toronto has received a $3,000 Celebration Ontario grant from the ministry of citizenship and culture.

Funds will be used for six Yiddish lectures to be given during the year at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Many of the lectures will deal with the development of Yiddish in Ontario and will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the YCC in Toronto.

YCC chairman Abraham Katz said members of his organization are representative of the Toronto Jewish Congress, the Labor Zionist Alliance, the Pioneer Women's Organization, the Workmen's Circle, Achdut Avodah Poale Zion, the New Fraternal Organization, the Furrier's Union, the Farband of Lithuanian Jews, the Lodzer Centre and the Shedletz Lukover Club.

The YCC has sponsored Yiddish lectures for the last 25 years and lecturers have included Yiddish writers Mordechai Tzanin and Aaron Zeitlin and the late Chaim Grade.

Katz applied for the Celebration Ontario grant last fall. He received two former Wintario grants for his group in 1977 and in 1979.

Celebration Ontario is a special program of the ministry of citizenship and culture. Using Wintario funds, the ministry is giving grants to projects that have "a significant artistic, heritage, cultural and/or multicultural theme," in celebration of the province's 200th birthday.

YCC's first lecture takes place on March 25 and will focus on Yiddish schools and education in Ontario. Guest speaker is Leyb Tencer, principal of the Jewish Peretz Schools in Montreal.

The second lecture is slated for May 6 and is entitled "The Diversity of Yiddish dialect Among Jews in Ontario." Lecturer is Dr. Mordecai Schaechter, a professor at Columbia University in New York.

Third on the agenda is "The Genesis of Yiddish Literature and the Press in this Continent," scheduled for May 20 with Prof. Itche Goldberg of Queen's University, New York as guest lecturer.

Joseph Kligman, principal of the Borochov School in Toronto and editor of a Yiddish monthly, will give the fourth lecture, "Celebration of Yiddish Life in Ontario" on June 10.

"The Yiddish Theatre and Folksong in Ontario" will be the topic of the fifth lecture to be held in October.

YCC's last lecture is scheduled for sometime in November, according to Katz.

Funds for the YCC are the first of a series of Celebration Ontario grants totaling $108,095 given to 19 organizations throughout the province, Susan Fish, minister of citizenship and culture, announced recently.

Other organizations which received Celebration Ontario grants include the Chinese Association of Mississauga, Toronto's Islam West Association and Windsor's Commite de Coordination du Festival de la Semaine Francaise.

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JWB plans Boston convention

JCC volunteer leaders to receive service awards

By GARY COHEN

TORONTO —

Three Jewish Community Centre of Toronto lay leaders will be presented with community service awards at the Jewish Welfare Bureau biennial convention in Boston in April, the JCC announced recently.

JWB is the leadership network and central service agency for 275 Jewish Community Centres, YM-YWHAs and camps in the U.S. and Canada which serve over one million people.

The volunteer leaders who will be honored by JWB for their "outstanding leadership" and contributions to the Toronto JCC are: Patricia Starr, 42, chairman of the membership development and volunteer committees at the Centre; Jerry Bezner, 37, chairman of the public relations and early childhood service committees; and Harvey S. Dorsey, 32, past chairman of the physical education committee and a member of the JCC constitutional and executive committees.

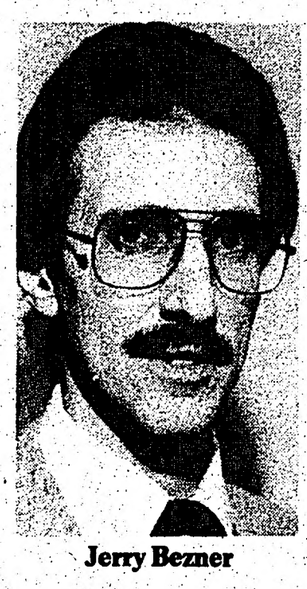
The Toronto awardees will be among some 20 volunteers from JCCs and YM-YWHAs across North America who will be honored at the JWB biennial which is scheduled to run from April 25-29. Along with the award presentations and banquet, the meeting is expected to attract about 1,200 community workers to a series of forums and workshops dealing with agency programs and services that will run throughout the 5-day event.

The local awardees will attend the biennial on an allowance from the H. Max Swartz Leadership Development Fund. The fund was established by Swartz, a founding JCC board member, and the JCC executive to send lay leadership representatives to the JWB meet.

Nominations for the Toronto award winners came from committee chairmen with final selections decided upon by the JCC executive. The nominations were then approved by JWB.

Starr, who also sits on the JCC personnel and budget and finance committees, said she was "very touched" at being named. "The award is recognition of a lot of time and effort," she said. "I take it as a statement of appreciation.

"It is important because it recognizes the efforts of volunteer leadership and it's important to the community because it shows that there is recognition of volunteer work and commitment to the community."



Jerry Bezner

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Patricia Starr

Calling herself "a catalyst for change," Starr added that her work at the Centre allows her to feel that she's "making a difference — making ideas come to reality."

Dorsey, a civil litigation lawyer by profession and the man responsible for organizing the Centre's Nautilus fitness program, said he was "surprised and honored" by the award. "I felt I had a commitment to be involved in the community and I figured it might as well be at an agency like the JCC that I use and where I can see the changes," he said.

"The other aspect of the Centre that attracted me is the fact that it involves the whole community, regardless of religious differences."

Bezner, whose innovative programming in early childhood services revitalized that JCC department, said he was "very excited and pleased" by the presentation. He also said he was looking forward to attending the biennial.

As well as meeting other "future top leadership" candidates at the meet, Bezner says the Boston trip is "a way for the Toronto JCC to participate and keep in touch with JWB in an active way."

Along with individual award winners, JWB also recently announced a list of agencies which will be honored in its 6th biennial communications award competition at the convention. Although the Toronto JCC did not win in any of the eight communication categories, the Centre picked up an honorable mention in the best special events category for its "An Exhibit on the Shtetl" display.

Desert ecology

Campers to study science

MONTREAL —

A new Ben-Gurion University project will include teenagers from abroad along with Israeli teenagers in a science-oriented summer camp dealing with the subject of desert ecology. The camp sessions for those aged 15 to 17, will be held at and around the Hatzevah Field School, located in the Arava on the way to Eilat, from July 8 to July 21. Sessions will be in English.

The project will give camp students first-hand knowledge about life, growth and man in the desert. Outings in the Negev, Sede Boker, Eilat, Jerusalem and Beersheva. An academic staff will be available for the camp project; there will also be social activities.

The cost per student includes classes, seminars, food, housing, outings by car and camel, a seminar day on Ben-Gurion's dream of re-settling the Negev, visits to historical sites in Eilat, Jerusalem, Beersheva and a desert kibbutz. It is hoped that a minimum of 35 students from abroad will participate.

For further information, call the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, at (514) 937-8927 in Montreal; (416) 665-8054, in Toronto; (204) 924-7347, in Winnipeg; and (604) 733-7723, in Vancouver.

Drunk drivers York's target

TORONTO —

The attorney-general of Ontario was urged last week to direct provincial judges to hand out more severe sentences to drunk-driving offenders.

That recommendation was embodied in a resolution passed by the City of York after it had been moved by Alderman Ben Nobleman and seconded by Controller Philip White.

The resolution also urged school boards to develop programs to educate teens against alcohol and drug abuse and enlighten them about the consequences of mixing drinking and driving.

Nobleman cited statistics showing that alcohol is a factor in about half of all fatal traffic accidents and that up to 2,500 Canadians are killed annually in accidents involving drunk drivers.

New site for folk festival

TORONTO —

The Mariposa Folk Festival, scheduled for July 13 through 15, will be held at Molson Park, south of Barrie.

Mariposa executive director Rob Sinclair says the move to the park allows on-site camping for festival-goers. The move is also in preparation for a 25th anniversary homecoming festival set for 1985.

The festival will include evening concerts in a wooded setting with workshops, singalongs and family activities during the day.

In addition, says artistic director Michael Cooney, there will be after-concert events, such as a pub-sing, country dancing and campfire singalongs.

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Heritage preserved, says Jerusalem's Chief Rabbi

Institute opens Talmudic treasures to scholars

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

The treasures of Machon Yerushalayim are tattered folios and fading manuscripts. The Hebrew letters are almost indecipherable from age.

But the patient scholars of the Institute of Talmudic Research, which has its headquarters in the old city of Jerusalem, work with care and reverence to restore the heritage of Jewish religious thought in these fragile pages.

"Machon Yerushalayim is opening up areas that have simply not been available to scholars before," Rabbi Yitzchok Kolitz, Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, told a gathering at a melave malka in his honor at Clanton Park Synagogue.

The Chief Rabbi, who is a senior scholar at the Institute, was in Toronto recently as part of a North American tour on behalf of the Institute. The next stop on his visit was New York, where Toronto philanthropist Joseph Tanenbaum was honored at the annual awards dinner of the Institute.

Rabbi Kolitz has been actively involved in the preparation of manuscripts for the Otzar Meforshai HaTalmud, an encyclopedia of Talmudic commentary.

Each page of the Talmud carries extensive references to commentaries. A scholar wishing to check all of these references could, at present, find himself literally searching over the Jewish world.

But the Otzar has on each page not only the references but a scholarly precis of their contents. Moreover, because the Institute has edited and restored sources that existed only in manuscript form, scholars now have access to reference material that previously was unavailable.

Many of these manuscripts come from communities that have vanished: Hungary, Germany, Poland. The Institute is engaged in a rescue mission, "preserving the heritage of Jewish communities that would otherwise be lost," Rabbi Kolitz said.

Rabbi Yitzchok Kolitz, Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, addresses a melave malka in his honor. With him, from left, are rabbis Yitzchok Kerzner, Mordecai Ochs and Yaakov Pollak.

Depending on the difficulty of the editing task and the number of scholars involved in each project, the cost of publishing a volume can run up to $250,000. To date, approximately 100 volumes have been published, with a board of scholars deciding which works should take precedence — according to importance and need.

The Institute has branches in Tel Aviv, Netanya, Ramat Gan and Lakewood, NJ. Each branch works in a different area of scholarship.

Netanya, for example, is preparing a definitive edition of a classic work by Rabbi Yosef Babad, Chief Rabbi of Tarnopol in the first half of the 19th century.

"It's a monumental work, covering all 613 mitzvahs," explained Rabbi Reuven Silver, dean of Toronto's Bais Medrash N'siv Olam. "But the original editions have a lot of errors. In addition, the author used abbreviations that no one else did — and scholars have a terrible time trying to decipher them. This new edition will be accurate and easy to use."

While in Toronto, Rabbi Kolitz visited several Jewish day schools and gave a shiur to students at Ner Israel Yeshiva.

A group of laymen in Toronto have undertaken to raise funds for a new project in memory of the late Rabbi Yitzchok Hutner. It will concentrate on producing a volume of the encyclopedia on Seder Zeraim, that part of the Talmud which deals with laws of the soil.

Information on the work of Machon Yerushalayim can be obtained from 90 Holita Road, Willowdale, M2M 4C2 (416) 224-0588.

Interreligious service memorializes Holocaust

NEW YORK —

An interreligious prayer service commemorating the victims of the Nazi Holocaust has been prepared by the Anti-Defamation League and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Titled, "From Death to Hope: Liturgical Reflections on the Holocaust," the service includes a prayer delivered by Pope John II at Auschwitz in 1979 and an invocation by German Pastor Martin Niemoeller, as well other prayers, biblical texts and Holocaust reflections.

The collection was compiled by Dr. Eugene J. Fisher, executive secretary of the Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish relations and Rabbi Leon Klenicki, associate director of ADL's department of interfaith affairs.

The prayer is being distributed by ADL for use by religious and community groups.

Rabbi Ronald B. Sobel, head of the League's intergroup relations division, said the new liturgy was designed to meet the needs of an increasing number of interreligious Holocaust remembrance services now held on Yom Hashoa (Day of Holocaust Remembrance) in the spring. Ten thousand copies of the text have been distributed to the National Council of Churches for use by the group's various denominations.

Sobel said the prayer service addresses the question of the "silence of so many" in the face of the Nazi persecutions. He noted, however, that some Europeans "spoke with their deeds" in coming to the aid of Jewish victims. The prayer service text provides separate accounts of how Christians from seven European nations helped save Jews from Nazis murderers.

Sobel said the litrugy also "stresses the eternal hope of the Jewish people that they will survive the enmity they have faced throughout history."

From Death to Hope: Liturgical Reflections on the Holocaust may be obtained for $1 (U.S.) per copy by writing ADL at 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

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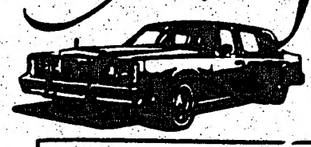

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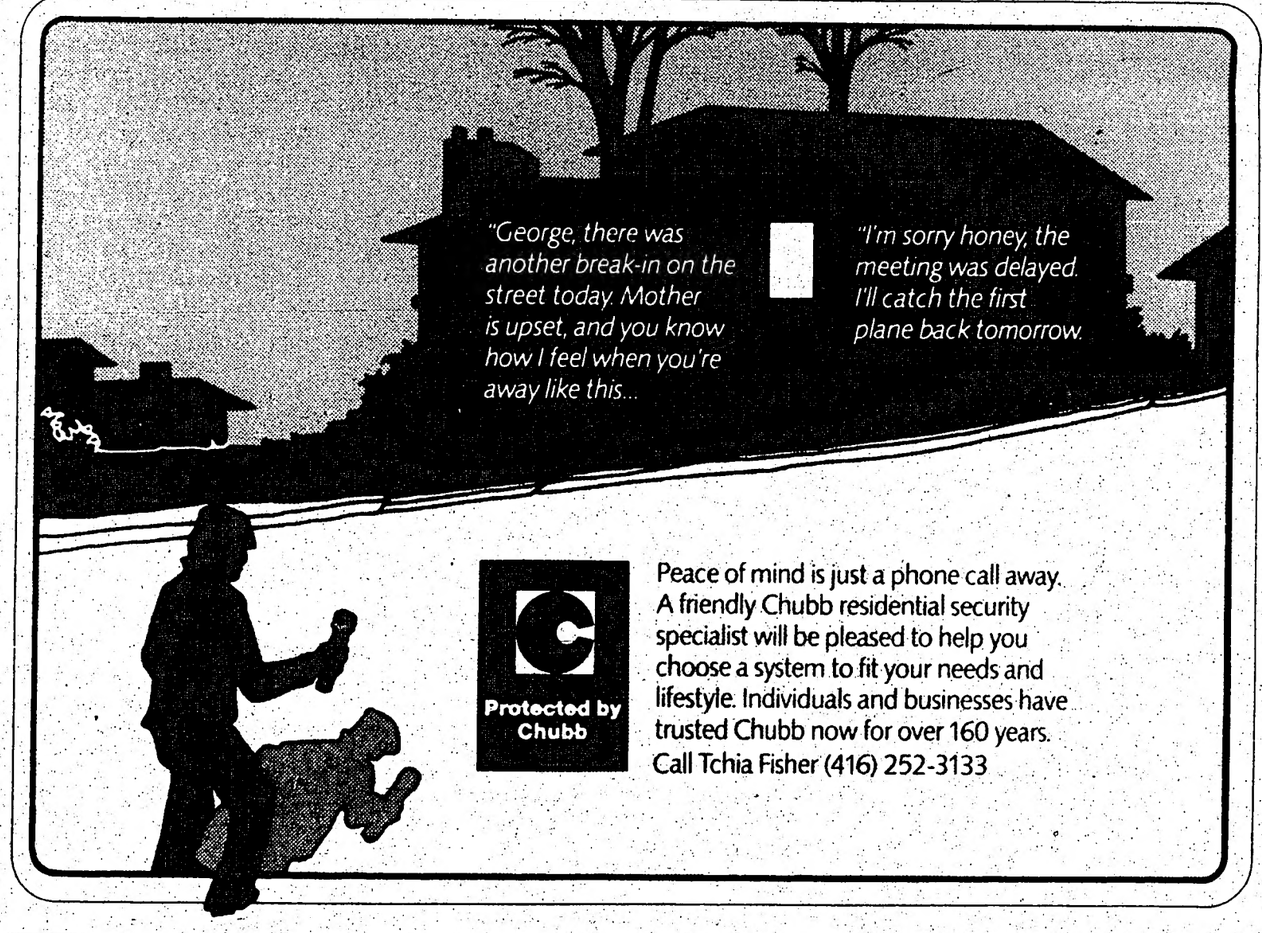
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Many take the bait

Cults look for recruits wherever youths gather

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
It can happen anywhere — at an airport, a bus station, a skating rink, even at Jerusalem's Western Wall.

These disparate locations, seemingly unrelated in any way, have one important element in common — they attract young people and are among the locations chosen by cults to recruit their acolytes.

It usually begins with a chance encounter, the offer to visit a house run by the cult and have all their questions answered. Young people, often traveling away from home, looking for adventure and loaded with curiosity, sometimes take the bait.

What can result is a total commitment to a cult that is a complete break from their past and a shock to their parents.

Jewish members decline

That radical departure was the subject of a talk presented recently by Toronto psychiatrist Dr. Saul Levine. Levine, head of the department of psychiatry at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, told the Beth Tikvah Synagogue culture club that at one time in the 1970s, 40% of the people joining cults were Jews.

Today, he said, that percentage has dropped considerably, and Jews are not as prominent a feature of cults as in the past. In Toronto, Levine said, a miniscule number of young Jews are involved in cults — well under 1%.

The vast majority of cult members, Levine said, are from 18-25 years old, and surprisingly enough, are well educated, affluent, and do not come from broken homes.

Contrary to popular beliefs, cult members are not disturbed people, Levine said. They are young people in the critical period between adolescence and adulthood, faced with decisions about their future. They are asking themselves questions about their identity — where their life is leading them.

Usually, Levine said, they feel alienated, demoralized and have low self esteem, despite having friends and a family. The "sense of choice in their identity seems to be missing."

When he or she visits the cult, it appears to them that its members have everything — a commitment to a value system, a supportive group, self-esteem. In short, a purpose to life.

At that point, Levine said, the young person may make a "seemingly impulsive switch of lifestyles" and join a movement that "fills all the voids in his life."

Jewish kids are especially vulnerable to cults, Levine said, because of the Jewish tradition of intellectual curiosity. Jewish kids question everything, and many take their curiosity and submerge it in the groups.

One Jewish institution Levine said has been accused of exhibiting the characteristics of a cult are the yeshivot for baalei teshuvah in Israel. Levine, who participated in a study of five yeshivot agrees they exhibit some of the characteristics associated with cults.

But, he warned, "a cult is in the eye of the beholder. What seems destructive to you is extremely kosher to others."

Levine said that unlike cults, yeshivot are not destructive. They don't encourage a schism between the parents and their children and they don't pretend their leaders are demigods.

But, he said, there are similarities. They are an intense movement with absolutist answers. They have a strict code of behavior, very intense rituals, set ways of dressing, and they sometimes have a siege mentality — the feeling that it is "us against the world." And, as with cults, parents sometimes complain of the radical change in their children.

Levine tells concerned parents the least effective tactic in dealing with their children is to argue and yell at them. He called deprogramming an obscene technique, and one that has led to law suits by children against their parents.

Never close the door to them, he advised. Keep the lines of communication open. Cults have a high turnover rate.

Most young people eventually begin to develop the seeds of doubt after about one year, Levine said. They begin to wonder about their family and friends, and they begin to see the hypocrisy and double standards in the cult.

Eventually they leave and are faced with the culture shock of returning to a society where there's ambiguity and no easy answers. Like the Talmud teaches, Levine said, "it's maybe yes, maybe no."

Many who leave a cult later participate in therapy, and they often do well.

But Levine said, as Canadians, we don't look to what's important. The children of Orthodox Jews rarely join cults. But for many of us, there are no loftier values than materialism and acquisitiveness.

"What do we offer our children that's better?" he asked.

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Old suspicions still linger, author claims

U.S. Jews in Mideast jobs pose sensitive issue

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

An article in last month's Washingtonian Magazine raised the sensitive matter of American Jews serving in U.S. national security jobs involving Israel and the Middle East.

Is there still a built-in suspicion of a dual loyalty that has kept Jews out of these positions, especially at the Central Intelligence Agency?

Yes, according to Dale Van Atta, the author of the article which was entitled God and Man at the CIA. Van Atta is an investigative reporter who works for nationally syndicated columnist Jack Anderson. Over the years, Van Atta has specialized in national security issues.

He notes that Jews "have come a long way" in making advances in recent years. But there are still problems.

"Because they were considered to be naturally pro-Israel and therefore suspect, Jews were not actively recruited," he said. A former senior CIA official was quoted as saying: "It was an unwritten rule that we didn't want any Jews working on the Middle East problem. So most of the analysts were Arabists — they had studied in Egypt, Syria, and the like, or were the children of businessmen and others who had lived there."

Van Atta pointed out that for two decades, the Israeli desk in the CIA was "tucked away in the counterintelligence staff because its chief, James Jesus Angleton, was chief liaison with Israeli intelligence... The desk has since been moved out of counterintelligence, and a number of Jews attained prominent positions within the agency."

But he added that "suspicion lingers." He cited the circumstances surrounding the resignation of Max Hugel as chief of clandestine services only a few weeks after CIA director William Casey named him to that slot in 1981.

Thus, Van Atta wrote, "the old-boy network successfully aided the ouster" of Hugel by "playing on this mistrust of Jews.

"Widespread whispering at Langley insinuated that Hugel, a Jew, was leaking information to Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service," Van Atta said.

Understandably, that suggestion in the article infuriated Hugel, a wealthy New Hampsire businessman who had worked closely with Casey in Ronald Reagan's 1980 presidential campaign.

Shortly after Casey named Hugel to the sensitive position, The Washington Post published front-page allegations from two of Hugel's former business associates charging that he had been involved in some improper deals many years earlier. Hugel strongly denied the charges, but resigned in order to spare Casey and the President any further political embarrassment.

Since then, he has worked aggressively to try to clear his name. He has filed suit against his two accusers, Tom and Sam McNell, but they have mysteriously disappeared.

There, of course, had been resentment to Hugel's appointment among many of the professionals at the CIA. They clearly did not like the fact that an outsider was being brought into that position, especially someone without much experience in the intelligence business.

As it was, they were not happy with Casey's own appointment by President Reagan to head the agency. Cord Meyer, a former CIA agent who now writes a newspaper column, brought the displeasure over Hugel's appointment to the surface with an initial article condemning the appointment.

Others quickly followed, generating momentum against Hugel. It was then that The Washington Post came forward with the McNell charges. Bob Woodward, who co-authored the story, dismissed the assertion that anti-semitism played a role in the Hugel affair. In an interview, he said he did not come across any evidence to support such a contention during his investigation of the McNell accusations and the events leading up to Hugel's decision to leave the CIA.

Hugel also told me that he does not believe anti-semitism played a role. But he still is pressing the CIA as well as Washingtonian Magazine to look further into the matter in order to clarify it once and for all. Since reporting the initial anti-Hugel accusations, The Washington Post has dropped its coverage of the matter, including the disappearance of the two McNell brothers.

Hugel's attorney, Paul L. Perito, wrote to James H. Taylor, the CIA's inspector-general, proposing an investigation. In the letter, Hugel denied that he had passed information to the Mossad. "Moreover, our client is understandably disturbed to read the suggestion that his resignation was the result of intra-agency anti-semitism — a suggestion he believes is totally without merit," Perito continued.

"Mr. Hugel is concerned, however, that since charges have surfaced publicly, they will damage the integrity of, and public confidence in, the CIA. In addition, Mr. Hugel is concerned that these opinions will cause damage to his personal reputation and character.

"For these reasons, he hereby respectfully requests your office immediately to initiate an investigation of these charges to assess their truth and accuracy. Mr. Hugel is confident that a full inquiry into all of the facts will establish conclusively that these allegations are without merit or substance."

The CIA declined to comment when I asked about the allegations. "We'll have to refer you to Mr. Hugel," said spokesman Dale Peterson. Perito has received a reply from the inspector - general denying that anti-semitism played any role whatsoever in the incident.

"There is no 'anti-semitic lobby network' in the agency," wrote Taylor in his reply. "No such cabal was responsible for Mr. Hugel's departure nor was there any indication of, or concern about, improper support by Mr. Hugel to Israel."

In a letter to Washingtonian publisher Philip Merrill, Perito wrote: "Mr. Hugel is also outraged by the suggestion that CIA policy and personnel are manipulated by an anti-semitic 'old-boys' network. If in fact Mr. Van Atta or someone assisting him actually has information concerning an anti-semitic conspiracy to remove Mr. Hugel from office, we believe that such information should be divulged in order to permit full investigation of these serious charges."

John Sansing, executive editor of the magazine, told me that he was in touch with Hugel's lawyer and intended to find some mutually acceptable forum for Hugel's denials to be published, probably in the form of a letter to the editor. "We'll do something," Sansing said.

Is there still some lingering anti-semitism in the U.S. governmental bureaucracy?

Probably, but the fact also remains that many American Jews today do serve in extremely sensitive national security positions involving Israel and the Middle East. Henry Kissinger, after all, was secretary of state. Sol Linowitz and Robert Strauss were special Middle East envoys.

Is there fear that American Jews are leaking information to the Mossad? Not really, because experienced U.S. intelligence officials readily acknowledge that the degree of cooperation between the CIA and the Mossad is so close that the two organizations do not really have to spy on each other.

Mizrachi starts national drive for membership

MONTREAL —

Mizrachi Emunah Women of Canada has launched a national membership campaign. Members work in support of various religious, educational and social welfare projects in Israel.

Eighteen Mizrachi Emunah kindergartens and day care centres, based on the Jewish religious tradition, have been established throughout Israel as a result of the organization's efforts. One of the major projects is the Neve Michael Children's Village. Israeli Emunah members act as surrogate aunts to these deprived children.

Emunah also provides programs for senior citizens, geared to keeping them active and creative.

Adult education is another important element of Emunah's work. Classes in Tanach, Parshat Hashavuah, Jewish philosophy, as well as reading, writing and basic calculation skills have been set up to help virtually illiterate women take their place in Israeli society.

Emunah members in Israel visit patients in hospitals and homes for the handicapped and mentally retarded.

"Emunah works for a healthy and vital Israel, but does not forget the sick and the aging. Emunah works to provide skills but respects the need for leisure," said Mizrachi Women national president Sara Diena of Ottawa.

"Emunah — faith — is what built Israel, what helps to keep it safe and what helps to make it flourish. These are Emunah's priorities. We ask Canadian Jewish women to make them theirs."

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There's two sides to racism question in Canada

By
GISELA ADAMS-COTE

OTTAWA —

Is racial discrimination getting worse? What can we do about it?

Paddy Sherman, publisher of The Ottawa Citizen, formulated these questions as moderator of a recent panel discussion entitled: Pride and Prejudice — Beneath the Ethnic Mosaic in Canada.

About 200 people packed Fauteux Hall at the University of Ottawa to hear panelists Gordon Fairweather, chief commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission; Dr. Victor Goldbloom, president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews; Martin Goldfarb, president of Goldfarb Consultants; and David Kilgour, MP for Edmonton Strathcona.

The forum was sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Council (Vaad Ha'ir), the Christian Council of the Capital Area, the Ottawa Citizen, and the faculty of law of the University of Ottawa.

About 6% of Canadians see themselves as anti-semitic, according to Goldfarb. But the idea that prejudice rests with a single group is a myth, he said. Even minority groups themselves have displayed prejudice.

He defended the public school system because, he said, it offers equal opportunities for all Canadians. "Put your money where your mouth is," he challenged the middle class, and use the public system.

Fairweather warned against using exaggerated language in describing the racial situation in Canada today. The charge that the country is being swept by a tidal wave of racism is not in keeping with the facts, he said.

Each province except B.C. has a Human Rights Commission. The Immigration Act of 1967 "closed Canadian eyes to all considerations of race in immigration policy" and the 1977 Citizenship Act has shortened the term necessary for citizenship applications, Fairweather said.

Out of the 540 cases heard by the Human Rights Commission (relating to racial complaints) between March 1978 and May 1983, 365 cases were unsubstantiated, said Fairweather. Sixty-five people made complaints and didn't pursue them. Fifty-six cases were settled, and over 100 are under investigation.

Goldbloom said the situation "is very much better than the one my parents and grandparents knew."

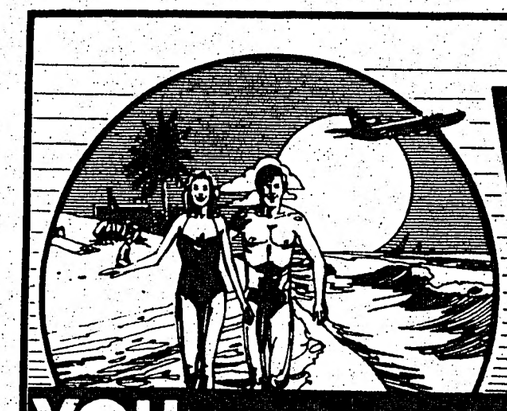
Describing himself as neither an ostrich nor a pollyanna, Goldbloom admitted to beind struck by a major phenomenon of Canadian life: new people keep coming. If immigrants to Canada had been completely dissatisfied, their relatives would not have followed, he contended.

Kilgour disagreed with Goldbloom: "Racism is getting worse," he said. He cited an Edmonton cab company which refused to allow employees to wear turbans or grow beards.

"We can't legislate tolerance — that starts with the family. In the meantime, we must give the law more teeth," he said.

He is in favor of amending the Criminal Code to include a new sub-section on hate literature. It should also be a crime to distribute or possess such literature. Judges should be allowed to increase the accused's sentence when crimes are racially motivated, he said.

During the question period, a Holocaust survivor wondered why Canada, unlike Germany, doesn't have tough laws against hate literature. Kilgour agreed that Canada's laws are inadequate in this area.



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If it's February, then this must be Paris!

Once again, I find myself in Europe on my semi-annual fashion buying trip: running from show to show, making notes, passing judgments and placing orders.

I flew over last week on Air Canada — first class all the way — and I must say that, like bad mother-in-law jokes, that old rubric about airline food being the pits is definitely passe.

I dined on a superb repast of caviar, pate de foie gras, smoked salmon, lamb chops Mirecourt and Black Forest cake, washing it all down with an excellent Burgundy. It was without doubt the finest meal I've ever had on an airline.

If you use the airline seating categories in judging the classes of male dressers emerging in the 80s (and it's an apt comparison), you can rank the men as those who **always** go first class and never count the cost, those in the middle ranks (executive class) who want to look the best they can for a reasonable amount of money, and those who are tired of being economy (which has been upgraded to "hospitality class") and who look for better quality in their purchased goods without an increase in expenditure.

If quality can be said to be the watchword of the 80s, then all three consumer types will have something to cheer about in this spring's new fashions.

On the streets of Europe right now, I'm seeing clothing styles that, for once, have been designed with the consumer in mind. Made from durable natural fibres and scaled to suit a wide variety of activities, they offer the right mixture of sensuality and practicality that will appeal to our romantic natures without causing a conflict with either our lifestyles or our wallets.

The casual look for spring can be called a glorification of the body — that is to say an **exaggeration** of the body.

With the worldwide trend towards physical fitness intensifying, there is a corresponding emphasis in clothing on broader shoulders, narrower hips and more powerful thighs.

This is translated into loose, boxy double-breasted jackets and roomy pleated trousers tapering in at the ankle, shirts with spread collars, bulky quilted "sweats" and cable knit cotton sweaters.

Everything is cut to geometric angles — squares, rectangles and especially, triangles — shapes that echo and enhance the human form.

Japanese designers influence Europeans

For this, we can thank the new wave of Japanese designers, who have inadvertently influenced their European counterparts. Without going as far as the Japanese, European designers have heavily appropriated their emphasis on geometric forms, while essentially ignoring their accompanying concepts of "minimalism" and "non-constructivism" — to my mind, two similies for "dumpy" and "non-descript."

Aside from the craze for physical fitness, the other major social trend of the day is a fast-growing acceptance of militarism — a fact that has not escaped the European designers, as they scramble madly to turn out simulated combat jackets, camouflage fatigues and jump suits.

Such styles are usually over-embellished with every conceivable type of tab, buckle, zipper and strap, as well as epaulettes, bellows pockets, back vents and storm flaps — all meant to convey the "realistic" look of an on-camera foreign correspondent or modern guerrilla warrior.

As you can probably tell already, this seaon's clothing tends most definitely towards masculinity: for the conservative dresser, this means a return to the classics, and where else to go but Italy?

The Italians are past masters of fabric quality and workmanship; their product is without doubt the finest in the world. However, the **styles** currently in vogue are pure "Bostonia": mannish, elegant and Ivy League. Here the Italians must be content to copy.

Slate and steel gray remain the most popular shades, although a quiet navy blue stays a strong second.

Suits, for the most part, are double-breasted with peaked lapels and unobtrusive slashed pockets.

Even casual dress is ultra-conservative: light wool sweater vests worn over linen shirts and trousers, topped by light wool or silk blazers.

Colors for spring are still muted: pale browns, greens and yellows, relieved occasionally by a splash of bright color — red, or even a soft pink.

Perhaps not surprisingly, this new aura of conservatism in clothing is affecting the surroundings in which they're being sold. Stores all over Europe, even in that Bastion of the Bizarre: Paris, are remodeling their fixtures — taking out all the high tech chrome and vinyl and replacing it with the restrained "British look" of brass and fumed oak — a rather symbolic acknowledgement that the traditional styles are here to stay for quite a while.

All in all, I'm quite pleased with the spring fashions for 1984. They represent a new appreciation of masculinity, forged in the crucible of the sexual revolution.

Styles are strongly aggressive, yet restrained; romantic in their allusions to the 30s, but definitely made for the man of the 80s.

The military look is back in men's fashions with this Pierre Balmain ensemble of Madras spencer jacket and linen jodhpur pants.

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Just For You

Don't trifle with the truffles

Chocolate shortbreads will win Valentine hearts

Instead of rushing out to buy your favorite Valentine a gift this year, here are two quick and easy-to-prepare recipes for making your own sweet concoctions plus some professional tips on how to decorate treats so they look store bought.

Whether this year's Valentine is a family member, or a special friend, heart-shaped chocolate shortbread cookies made simply with cocoa, butter, icing sugar and flour will win you a Valentine forever.

To decorate, place frosting in a small pastry bag and pipe on "hugs and kisses," lace and an endearing message to your Valentine.

If your Valentine has a sweet tooth, try making chocolate truffles. These sultry sweets feature cocoa, sugar, cream and a favorite liqueur.

To decorate, roll in icing sugar, chopped nuts or, for choco-holics — cocoa.

Place these cholcolate confections in pretty little paper cups and store them in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

For special friends, deliver your chocolate Valentines in a pretty box or tin which you've lined with a dainty white dolly, wrapped in bright red paper and topped with a bow.

CHOCOLATE HEARTS
[makes about 3½ dozen cookies]

1 cup soft butter
1½ cups all purpose flour
1 cup icing sugar
⅓ cup Fry's cocoa

Cream butter. Sift together flour, sugar and cocoa. Gradually blend dry ingredients into butter to form a soft dough. If dough is too soft, chill 15 minutes.

Roll dough, part at a time, on a lightly floured board to 1/8-inch (3 mm) thickness. Cut out hearts with a floured 3-inch (8 cm) heart-shaped cookie cutter.

Place on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake in preheated 300 F oven 20 to 25 minutes. Cool slightly before removing from pan.

Pipe Decorator Frosting on each cookie.

DECORATOR FROSTING
[Makes about ¾ cup]

1 egg white
1½ cups icing sugar

Beat egg white until frothy. Gradually beat in icing sugar. Continue to beat until icing forms stiff peaks. Place frosting in a small pastry bag and decorate heart-shaped cookies.

TRUFFLES
[Makes about 2 dozen]

½ cup butter
1 cup Fry's cocoa
¾ cup granulated sugar
½ cup whipping cream
2 tbsp. liqueur (optional)
Icing sugar, cocoa, chopped, toasted nuts

Melt butter in a saucepan. Continue cooking until butter is bubbly. Remove from heat.

Blend in cocoa and granulated sugar. Stir in cream and liqueur. Chill until firm enough to shape.

Roll between hands into approximately 1-inch balls. Roll balls in icing sugar, cocoa or nuts.

Store in refrigerator.

Truffles and chocolate shortbread cookies.

Each package has Silver lining

Business balloons for candy queen

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — When her neighbors in Thornhill ask Sandy Silver how things are going with her nowadays, she replies with a cheery laugh, "Business is ballooning."

She means it, too.

It was just six months ago that the 30-year-old, enterprising housewife decided to launch her Balloon Buckets business out of her home on Hetherington Cresc. (telephone 731-1551).

"I was bored," she says, because her two sons, Jason, 8, and Ryan, 6, were in school all day.

So, with a capital of $1,700, a flair for artistic design developed at William Lyon Mackenzie High, and commercial advice from her supportive husband, Arnold, a manufacturer of kitchen counter tops, she became a successful part-time tycoon.

Her products are gallon-sized plastic buckets, packed with an assortment of special-occasion goodies, and gaily festooned with ribbons and bows and multi-colored balloons, portraying such celebrated figures as Superman and Garfield the Cat, or announcing "It's A Boy" or "It's A Girl."

She's been doing a flourishing business from neighbors ordering buckets as Valentine Day gifts.

Her least expensive item is a $12 bucket flying a pink, purple, orange or silver balloon and crammed solidly with John Vince brand popcorn.

Most expensive is her $40 baby bucket. Apart from the balloon announcing the gender of the infant, it comes with a receiving blanket, crib pad, hooded towel and washcloth, teeting ring, rattle, squeeze carrot toy and plush stuffed teddy bear.

In between are a vatiety of buckets designed for bar and bat mitzvahs, anniversaries, birthdays, hospital get-well gifts, and other special occasions.

She is rather proud of the assortment of kosher candies she has available from Kofman-Barenholtz Foods Ltd. The include sour-wrapped candies, fruit-flavored candies, licorice sticks and jelly bellies and whistle-shaped lollipops you can actually blow into and produce a whee-eet! whee-eet! whistle sound.

If you're in a non-kosher mood, you can gorge yourself on jujubes and jelly beans, chocolate wine bottles that pour out pink popcorn, and inch-tall bubblegum spinning tops that do, in fact, spin like a toy top.

Sandy Silver does all the packing herself and, for a $3 fee, does the delivery herself.

But what a spiffy delivery that is! She intends to hire a courier. Meanwhile, she's undoubtedly the only balloon bucket tycoon in town who'll deliver one of her Valentine gift specials to your loved one in her chic white Cadillac.

Sandy Silver displays some of the balloons used in her Balloon Buckets business. Balloons display the words, I love you.

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Flexatard activewear by Bob and Gilda Marx is being manufactured in Canada by Kayser-Roth and is available in department and specialty stores.

Torso toner introduces new line of activewear

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

A new line of fashion activewear is now appearing in Canadian stores. It's labeled Flexatard and is the creation of Bob and Gilda Marx.

Gilda Marx, a trim blonde in her 40s, has been toning torsos for 20 years. She runs the Body Design by Gilda exercise salon in Beverly Hills and has franchised 11 other salons in North America.

And in addition, she and her husband produce Flexatard dancewear and swimwear, which has annual sales of $25 million U.S.

Some of the gorgeous gals Gilda has worked on are Britt Eklund, Marlo Thomas and Susan Anton. The most famous body by Golda belongs to Jane Fonda, who spent seven months working out at the studio in preparation for her role in California Suite.

Gilda's husband Robert, 52, is the son of the fifth and "forgotten" Marx brother, Gummo and he heads up Flexatard.

Kayser-Roth of London, Ont., recently negotiated a licensing agreement with Flexatard to produce the line in Canada and the spring collection will be available in major department stores and specialty boutiques.

Flexatard activewear "is best characterized by its superior fit and construction, unique design and magnificent colors," according to David Cohen, marketing manager for the Kayser-Roth Flexatard division.

Five key leotard groups and two coordinate groups offer a myriad of fashionable combinations. Glossy Antron/Lycra, a body-hugging fabric developed especially for Gilda Marx, is available in vibrant solids, positive/negative and ombre stripes and in a color-blocked "Olympic" group.

Another leotard group, of polyester/cotton/Lycra, offers such designer looks as button-front, body builder and T-shirt tops with solid-colored leotards.

Accessories include support tights, leg warmers, wrist weights and even an exercise mat.

Bob and Gilda produced their first Flexatard line by drowning leotards in tubs of dye in the back of their Santa Monica beach house.

After six years, Flexatard leotards are now carried in more than 2,000 retail outlets and according to Womens Wear Daily, the line now ranks only behind Danskin in a market estimated at $130 million wholesale. The Marxes also own the Marxes Dance American Shoe Co. which produces ballet slippers and jazz taps.

Bridal shows abound

The bells are ringing....

TORONTO —

The traditional wedding season is still a few months away, but now is the time for retailers to present their bridal shows for the anxious brides-to-be.

The list of shows is long, impressive and they are already under way.

The National Bridal Show 84 at the Queen Elizabeth Building, (Jan. 27-29), the Creeds show (Jan. 10) and the Alan Cherry show (Jan. 18) have dazzled potential customers.

The National Bridal Show, which drew some 14,000 people, also featured seminars and demonstrations covering all aspects of wedding preparation, including tips on making your own wedding cake, photography and catering your own reception.

The show organizers, Klanside Communications, are putting together a Beautiful You Fashion and Beauty Show March 2-4 at the Queen Elizabeth Building.

Other shows lined up for this month come from Simpsons, which presents its bridal and fashion show Feb. 14 and 15 in The Room, 3rd floor at its downtown location.

White wine, finger foods, tea and coffee will be served an hour before the show's opening at 6.30 p.m.

Tickets are available ($15 per person) from bridal services at Simpsons downtown store. Show host is Lois Morphy of Simpsons Bridal Services. For more information, call 861-6267.

Jean Pierce Fashions Ltd. is having its annual show on Feb. 2, 9 and 16 at 6.30 p..m. at its 191 Highbourne St. store.

The shop has been carrying bridal fashions for 30 years and will present gowns and headpieces for the bride, bridesmaids, mother of the bride and mother of the groom. A trousseau/travel wardrobe for the bride will also be featured.

Admission to the show is free, but call 484-0160 for reservations.

Ritche Couture Originals (390 Eglinton Ave. W.) is holding its spring bridal and fashion show Feb. 13 at the Sheraton Centre. Show begins at 8.30 p.m. and tickets are $10. For tickets and information, call 481-5617 or 362-2349.

Another bridal show will be presented at the International Centre in March. Entitled, Looking Ahead to Your Wedding, it is being organized by Toronto businessman John West and will largely feature items of retailers from the Mississauga area. Bridal gowns and other wedding services will also be on display.

There's lots of dollars in Scents of Love

TORONTO —

"Scents of Love," an exhibition and sale of perfume bottles to mark Valentines Day, opens at Creeds on Feb. 7 and runs through until Feb. 25.

There will be over 100 hand-made glass perfume bottles in the show, with prices ranging from $50 to $750.

According to Sandra Ainsley of Creeds, when perfume was a luxury and so within the reach of only the wealthy, the containers, the flacons and scent bottles had to be works of art distinctive of their period. The bottles in the show have been created in this great tradition."

One of the artists in the exhibition is Nancy Freeman of Olivebridge, NY. Her stemware was chosen by Joan Mondale for the premanent collection of the United States vice-presidential residence.

Other artists specifically chosen for this exhibition are: Brian Ashby of Bracebridge, Denise Belanger of Caledon East, Ian Forbes of Mississauga, Robert Held of Skookum Art Glass in Calgary, Gregor Herman of Toronto, Kevin Gray of Belleville, John Kepkiewicz of Toronto, Max Leser of Toronto, Karl Schantz of Toronto, Ruth Thiessen of Toronto, Dan Todd of Elmvale, Kathy Wood of Mississauga, and Peter Zips of Toronto.

For further information, contact Sandra Ainsley at 489-7988.

This perfume bottle by Karl Shantz is part of Valentine Day collection at Creeds.

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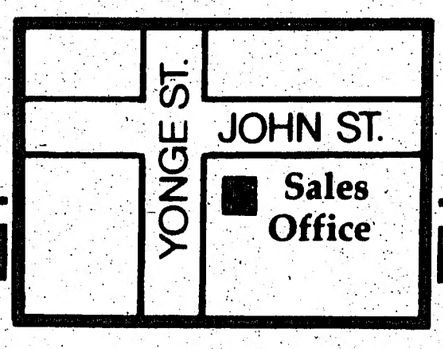

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OLD THORNHILL

Arts

Bloom's complex character comes to musical stage

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Probably the most intriguing portrayal of a Jewish literary character by a non-Jewish author remains that of Leopold Bloom, one of the two heroes of James Joyce's Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man and his epic Ulysses.

Bloom remains as an implicit encapsulization of the hopes and insecurities of sensitive secular Diaspora Jewry prior to the creation of Israel. Joyce, for the most part, portrayed Bloom with integrity and devoid of stereotype.

Now, the complex character of Leopold Bloom will be brought to the musical stage by Comus Music Theatre of Canada whose collective creation Nightbloom will be premiered at Premiere Dance Theatre, Harbourfront, Feb. 10-25 [with Feb. 9 preview].

Drawn from the Joyce classics, Nightbloom is meant to continue the fine tradition of North American musical theatre established by Gershwin, Bernstein and Sondheim. Sean Mulcahy's libretto adaptation focuses on the memories, desires and fears of Stephen Daedalus and Leopold Bloom whose hallucinations take form and come to life before their eyes.

The musical score was composed by David Grimes, David Jaeger, Larry Lake and James Montgomery — members of the Canadian Electronic Ensemble.

The cast of voices ranges from disciplines as diversified as jazz, cabaret and opera: Jan Filips, Kevin Hicks, Calla Krause, Don McManus, who portrays Bloom, Claire Rodger and Athena Voyatzis under the music direction of Charles Homewood.

Billie Bridgeman directs with Montreal's Don Calderwood as choreographer.

Set-costume designer Reg Bronskill and lighting designer Harry Frehner have envisioned an ambitious setting for the dream fantasies of Joyce's characters.

For further information call 363-5868.

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Only for the opening two selections could the Elmer Iseler Singers Music by Jewish Composers Jan. 22 Hart House Great Hall concert be properly defined as being a concert of Jewish music. They were the two most memorable pieces: Ben Steinberg's 1973 Yerushalayim (from the poem by the grand old man of Israeli poetry, Shin Shalom) featuring soloist Judith Young, and Oskar Morawetz's transcription for choir and English

Don McManus
... portrays Bloom

translation of Five Biblical Songs by Dvorak.

The Steinberg choral composition remains an empathetic work beginning with a blend of majesty and sublime sensitivity, and concluding with a semi-modernistic yet joyous hora.

The Morawetz transcription-translation was the highlight of the evening. This cycle of songs, dedicated to the memory of Terry Fox, featured forcefully graceful contemporary-melodic vocal arrangements performed in exquisitely intricate a capella fashion (without accompaniment) by one of Canada's acknowledged great choirs.

The three other selections ranged from the light-mood secular framework (Srul Irving Glick's pretty-impressionistic Northern Sketches, set to four poems by Donia Clenman with piano accompaniment by Lydia Adams, follwed by Harry Freedman's lilting-fluffy Songs from Shakespeare with tenor soloist Peter MacDonald, one of whose airs received a brief encore) to a Catholic liturgical work entitled The Lark, which, although composed by Leonard Bernstein seemed out of place here.

The concert will be broadcast Feb. 19 on CBC-FM between 8-10 a.m.

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Bella Davidovich is not only one of the three or four greatest pianists of our time, but in terms of conveying the maximum nuances of underlying subtle emotion, she is probably second to none.

She breathed new sensitivity into that familiar standard, the Grieg Piano Concerto, climaxing with fresh panoramic impact during the conclusion, despite a Toronto Symphony backup under Victor Feldbrill which sometimes was not always exactly coordinated with her.

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Israel's unofficial composer-laureate Paul Ben-Haim died Jan. 14. A tribute-obituary will appear in this column next week.

Rabbi's book of essays moving, devoid of scholarly pretensions

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Culture of Compassion, by Heszel Klepfisz. KTAV Publishing Co., $20.

The inspiring and multi-hued essays which make up this book first appeared in a variety of Yiddish journals. They are the work of a rabbi and scholar who combines a mastery of the secular and religious traditions.

A native of Poland, a refugee from Nazi terror, Klepfisz has lived in Panama for most of the post-World War II period.

About a third of the book is concerned with various aspects of Polish Chassidism. Sensitively and lucidly presented are the major tenets and ideals of the movement and the distinctive teachings of such giants of the spirit as Levi Yitzchok of Berditchev, Bunim of Pshishke, Mendel of Kotzk, and the Rebbe of Ger.

"The teachers of Chassidism, true to the concept formulated by its founder, Reb Israel Baal Shem Tov, did not merely write their teachings of articulate thoughts; with their own lives they struggled to show that Chassidism is not merely a beautiful theory but a feasible way of life."

The Chassidic approach to ethical behavior was a synthesis of the mystical and the intellectual with an underlying compassion that was spontaneous and natural. It was permeated with a social fervor and abiding concern for others.

The essay, The Jewish People — What Kind of People Are We? attempts to discover those attributes or traits of character that have distinguished Jews through the ages. In search of an answer the author probes the insights of Maimonides, Saadia Gaon, Joseph Hertz, Albert Einstein, Max Nordau, and others.

The Zionist leader of an earlier generation, Shmaryahu Levin, offered the following critique of our supposed wisdom and maturity, "Oh, if only this wise and understanding nation would also have a little bit of sechel."

At the end of his quest he discovers that the ability and desire to ask questions is the most important trait of the Jewish character: "Generations of Jews have constantly asked questions. They ask, they refute, they inquire, they probe. The concept of questioning has penetrated the Jewish psyche."

An eye-opening essay concerns the profound influence of Judaism on West European culture. Almost everything that humanity has gained in ethical achievement and social accomplishment flows from the Jewish heritage. "Jewish culture is a chain that began with Moses and which counts four thousand years of uninterrupted contributions to permanent thought. This cannot be said by the Greek or Latin culture. In Jewish culture there is continuity.

Karl Marx's Jewish Problem is a dissection of a personality in flight from himself and his antecedents — an attempt to shout into the ears of the world, "Know that I, Karl Marx, am not a Jew." His hostile attitude was a misguided attempt to persuade everyone and reassure himself that nothing bound him any longer to his rabbi grandfathers and uncles.

Poignant and evocative of a vanished civilization are Klepfisz's depiction of his home town and the sketch of his father, a scholar and teacher of Hebrew who perished along with the author's mother, brother, sister and wife in the Holocaust.

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Foesier prefers teaching to performing

JCC dance director raises standards to new heights

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO — Jacque Foesier — no s tacked onto the first name "because I've always considered myself singular," he grins — who has just celebrated his 25th anniversary with the dance department of the Jewish Community Centre, had his first ballet lesson at the age of 19.

Born in 1934 and raised in the prairie town of Munson, Alberta, he did not even see any ballet until he was a university student in Edmonton, though he loves music and has a collection of classical records that date back to 1905.

When the Royal Winnipeg Ballet came to town, his initial reaction was . . . "That's nice. It seems to be an extension of what the music is saying. And it's not limited to words."

Then he attended a performance of the National Ballet three months later and he was hooked.

He looked for a dance teacher "in the worst possible way," searching through the yellow pages of the phone book. But he did have the good sense to choose someone with impressive letters after her name, and to ask what they meant.

Earla Grey had been trained by Betty Oliphant, then ballet mistress of the National Ballet. He studied tap dancing and ballet with Earla.

The first male student to pass the Cecchetti ballet examinations in Alberta, he also received a scholarship to Jacob's Pillow University of the Dance in Lee, Mass.

Then it was on to the big city, New York, for study and performing experience at the Metropolitan Opera Ballet School, 92nd St. Y Dance Centre, Carnegie Hall and the American Ballet Theatre. He wanted to learn as much as he could about various types of dance.

Returning to Canada in 1958, Foesier was extraordinarily busy working as an industrial accountant, studying dance with Betty Oliphant and Celia Franca, and teaching part-time at the Bloor branch of the JCC's predecessor, the YM-YWHA. (A call had come to the studio asking for someone to help out.)

But he also found time to "walk home with" Jeanne Ambler, teaching assistant to Betty Oliphant, whom he later married.

(Jacque and Jeanne have three daughters and two sons, aged 12 to 21. Jeanne is now principal ballet teacher at the Koffler Centre and four of the children — not surprisingly — are very much dance-oriented.)

Foesier also taught freelance, completed his teacher training at the National Ballet School and in 1962 earned his licentiate with the Imperial Society of Teachers of the Dance. He continues constantly to update himself, his staff and students.

Through the years, his involvement with the JCC has grown; he now concentrates on 4-5-year-olds' dance education and all levels of ballet.

In 1974 he was appointed full time director of the program in dance at the JCC, and is raising the dance department to new heights. There are currently 14 highly qualified teachers instructing in all major dance disciplines, and more than 1,000 students.

A number of JCC students have entered the dance field, becoming professional teachers, choreographers and performers; some have been accepted into such companies as the National Ballet, Les Grands Ballets Canadien, the Joffrey Ballet and the Juilliard School of Music.

Foesier is also director and principal of a dance school in Burlington, but due to demands on his time, he just "moonlights" there, relying on capable local staff.

For himself, Foesier prefers teaching to performing. "Actually," he claims, "teaching is performing. You have a captive audience!" And a freak accident in 1962 resulted in the loss of a kneecap and some cartilage when his leg was crushed between two cars.

He agrees that he sometimes intimidates his classes — he is 6 ft. 2, has a clipped beard, ice blue eyes, and exudes authority. But he insists that his strict regime sometimes breaks down in "crazy fun."

He tells his pupils that they are learning to dance for themselves, and emphasizes the anatomical and musical foundation.

Dance, he says, is a physical discipline, and he spends more time "on doing than explaining." However, once his students understand what they are about, he allows for individual interpretation. "I let it happen."

Foesier has a special goal. He is now in the process of having the Koffler School of the Dance, JCC, registered with the Ontario ministry of education as a private school for specialized education, with the aim of introducing high school credit courses in dance and related subjects.

Jacque Foesier with student Alison Shand.

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Arts

Joyous work launches season

Ballet blends sentiment, slapstick to brighten blues

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

In his first season with the National Ballet, artistic director Erik Bruhn is showing a willingness to take chances — balanced by an understanding of the classical ballet Toronto loves.

La Fille Mal Gardee, the most joyous full-length work in the repertoire of the National Ballet of Canada, will launch the winter season with a dash of sun and flowers.

A classic by the great British choreographer Frederick Ashton, it blends sentiment and slapstick in a sure-fire brightener for winter blues.

The ballet has been staged frequently by the company since its first National performance in 1976. This season, the debut of Yoko Ichino, a popular first soloist who joined the company in 1982, in the lead role of Lise is generating interest. The male lead, Colas, will be danced by Kevin Pugh, continuing what critics have described as one of the most exciting partnerships to appear on the National stage since Kain and Augustyn.

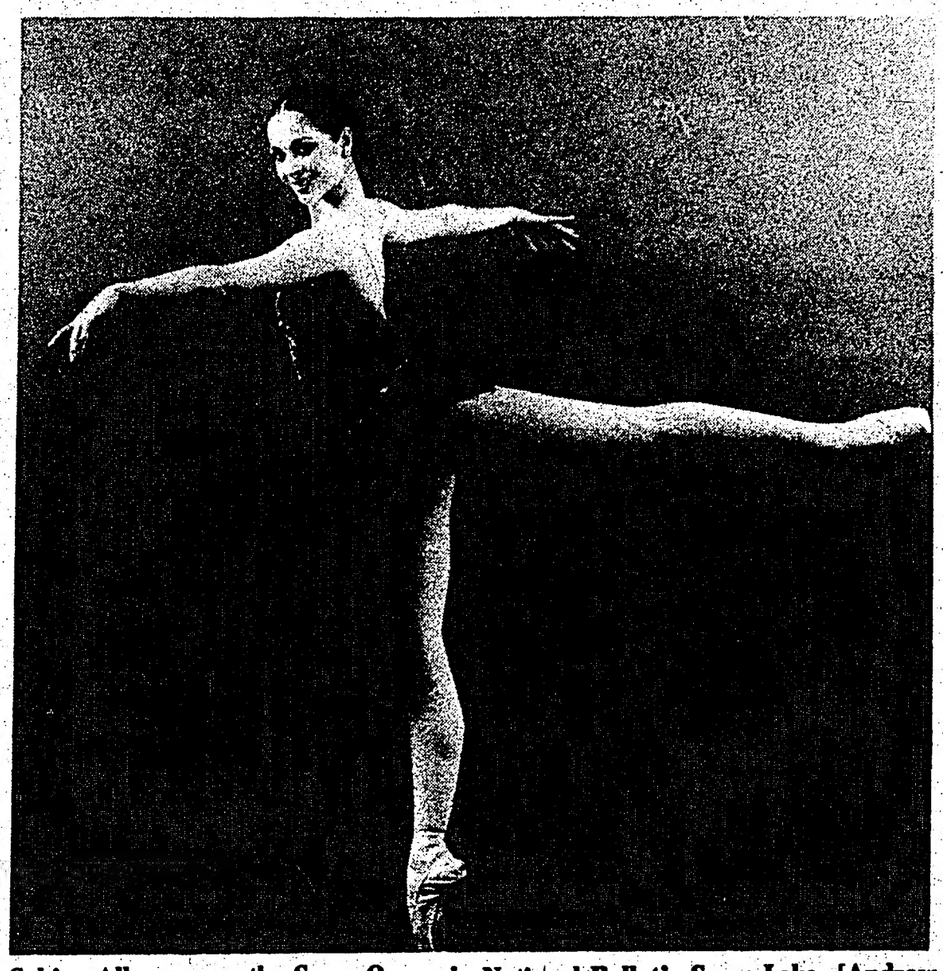
La Fille Mal Gardee is a marvelous family ballet — no child can resist the sight of giant chickens dancing about in the opening barnyard scene, and the plot is both funny and easy to follow.

It plays from Feb. 8 through Feb. 12.

The program of shorter ballets, which runs from Feb. 15 to Feb. 19, also features some remarkable debuts.

Etudes, choreographed by the late Danish ballet master Harald Lander to express the ideal of technically perfect ballet, introduces both Yoko Ichino and Martine Lamy in the demanding lead role.

Lamy is a member of the corps de ballet who joined the National last summer. Bruhn's decision to entrust her with a role usually danced by more experienced dancers demonstrates his belief in her talent, already evidenced by the two medals she won at the Moscow Ballet Competition in 1981.



Sabina Allemann as the Swan Queen in National Ballet's Swan Lake. [Andrew Oxenham photo]

Danny Grossman, one of Canada's leading contemporary dancers and choreographers, makes his National debut as a choreographer with Endangered Species, an emotional anti-war piece.

The debut is more than just Grossman's. Endangered Species marks the first time the National has incorporated a piece from the Martha Graham tradition of modern dance.

Components, commissioned by the National, is the first ballet by freelance American choreographer John McFall to be mounted by the company. Difficult to predict, since McFall developed the work in the studio with the dancers, Components should provide a fresh look at the company.

The fourth ballet on the short program is Balanchine's 1936 classic Serenade, staged by Joysanne Sidimus, a former principal dancer with the National Ballet. She worked with Balanchine on Serenade shortly before his death, and will be presenting the "definitive" version of the ballet.

The season closes with Bruhn's own production of Swan Lake (Feb. 22-26), which looks at the ballet through 20th century eyes. Emphasizing the psychology of the Prince, it has the tragic ending of the original Moscow version — without the lovers' apotheosis to a "world of eternal happiness."

Four dancers will make major debuts: second soloist Sabina Allemann and first soloist Gizella Witkowsky will dance Odette/Odile; two new male dancers introduced to the company by Bruhn will appear as the Prince — principal dancer Marco Pierin, formerly of La Scala Theatre Ballet, and first soloist Gregory Osborne, who joined the National after six years with American Ballet Theatre.

Bruhn's first season with the National is shaping up as one of the most exciting yet.

Betty Carter deserves accolades

Jazz singer's mood confidently casual

By
RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

"I've been around for a long, long time. And it's been fun."

This statement, this frame of mind, probably explains why Betty Carter is such a great jazz singer. She has experience and knows every conceivable style.

For decades she pursued her art with little recognition and less money. She has, in addition, a classical piano background, having studied at the Detroit Conservatory.

Performing with the likes of such diverse jazz greats as Lionel Hampton, Thelonius Monk, Muddy Waters and Redd Fox has given her a tremendous versatility that is rare among today's young pop stars.

And so, Betty Carter, now appearing at Lytes' at the Royal York until Feb. 11, deserves the highest accolades.

Her unique style represents the most advanced stage of the fine art of vocal jazz. She employs her voice like an alto sax, with the distinct influence of Charlie Parker, who was the most powerful formative influence on her.

Her whole mood is supremely and confidently casual.

In her slow numbers, her voice is the ultimate in super-debonair laid-back sophistication. And in her fast selection, her sound is that of a hot good-timey yet excited effervescence.

Particularly praiseworthy is her effortless stylistic diversity, often within one song. From progressive reggae [which she herself arranged with her first-rate band consisting of drummer Louis Nash, bassist Dave Penn and the dynamic pianist Benny Green], to wild scatsinging [far more gut-throbbing than that of Ella] to cool, classy balladeering to playful mockery of straightforward melodic fare — Betty Carter is unsurpassed.

Betty Carter, most important of all, maintains the all-vital spirit of creative eclectic cosmopolitanism in pop music — a spirit which in other milieux is best represented by Lotte Lenya, Judy Garland, Barbra Streisand and Chava Alberstein.

Some of her slow songs are by the great first - half - of - this - century Jewish composers, others are not, and her selections encompass all backgrounds.

What matters is that the freedom of style which she encourages has historically always been the most conducive contemporary cultural atmosphere in which Jewish pop-creative talent has flourished, in contrast to the arbitrary categorization which has, within the last decade, stultified much of the pop scene.

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"Whenever I sing, it's in memory of my father"

Passion for music leads singer from Osgoode to opera

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — When Michael Mandel started to sing at bar mitzvahs and weddings at age 6, he knew he had discovered a talent he would cherish forever.

Now, at 35, Michael is a professor of Osgoode Hall Law School, a husband, and the father of two . . . but singing remains a vital part of his life.

With a sad smile, Michael says that he thanks his own father Max, a Toronto Yiddish singer who died when Michael was young, for leaving him this legacy of music.

"Whenever I sing, it's in memory of my father," Michael says.

Opera has now become Michael's passion, and as a result, he no longer has time to sing at simchas.

He is currently singing with the Toronto Opera Repertoire, a local opera company directed by Guiseppe Macino.

"I cannot begin to tell you how wonderful I feel when I sing," Michael says, his eyes sparkling. "I get a thrill from doing opera. It is the only way I know to really live the music."

Michael stresses that to sing opera seriously, one has to be prepared to work at it constantly.

"I'm busy all week. Rehearsals get very intense and during the opera season I have trouble fitting everything in. My cup is really overflowing," he says.

Macino attests to the fact that Michael is totally committed to his music. "He makes tremendous sacrifices in order to keep up his singing, but he loves every minute of it."

Michael says that he worries about his health constantly. "A singer with a cold is like a broken violin. Now that the opera season is in full swing, he does "very little kissing."

He praises his wife and children for being so understanding during the hectic opera season. His son Max, 8, and his daughter Giulia, 2, "listen to all types of music all the time at home." Max plays the violin.

Michael says that he is not preoccupied with singing professionally, because his position at Osgoode Hall is also very rewarding. "Singing is a nice side of life that is not a business part. I have a good balance."

Michael is playing the lead role this year in Verdi's La Traviata in Italian. He says there is an affinity between Italians and Jews with regards to music — "they both love it."

With a laugh he says that he once sang Pagliacci, part in Italian and part in Yiddish.

The Toronto Opera Repertoire begins its current season on Feb. 8, at Central Tech Theatre at Harbord and Bathurst. La Traviata will be performed on the evenings of Feb. 11, 17 and 22, with a Sunday matinee on Feb. 26.

Michael Mandel

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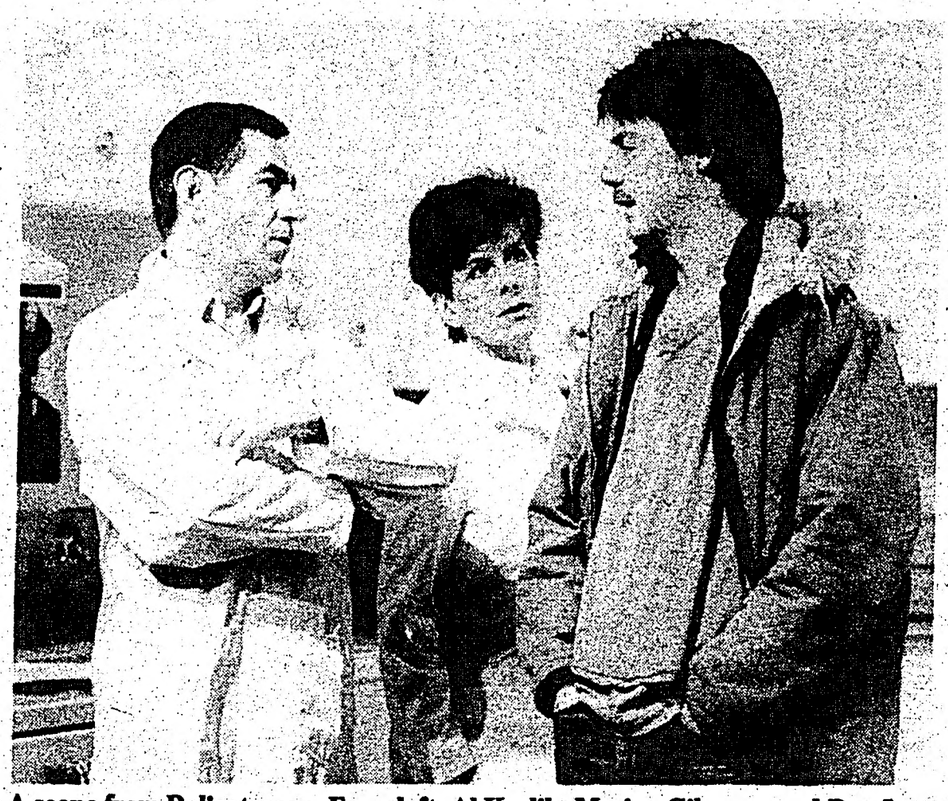

A scene from Delicatessen. From left, Al Kozlik, Marion Gilsenan and Dan Lett. They are part of the 5-member cast. [Andrew Oxenham photo]

A squeaky clean kitchen setting for Delicatessen

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — The First Toronto Project of the Shaw Festival is an avante garde play titled Delicatessen, at Toronto Free Theatre until Feb. 12.

It is a beautifully crafted production with stellar performances by the 5-member cast. The action all takes place in a squeaky clean kitchen behind a delicatessen. (We never see the shop itself.) It is a family run business, presumably a very successful one.

The first thing to be said is that Delicatessen is a play for theatre buffs who appreciate something off the beaten track. There are many, many long silences in the play during which nothing is going on except the washing of hands and the buttering of toast. There is a purpose to all this and it becomes clear in the surprising denouement. Whether the average playgoer will consider it a satisfying evening is an open question.

Still there was an excitement in the air opening night because most people knew that the Shaw Festival's incursion to the Toronto scene is to give its actors a chance to do experimental plays away from its home base in Niagara on-the-Lake.

Delicatessen was written by the French playwright Francois-Louis Tilly and was adapted and directed in its North American premiere by Festival director Derek Goldby, with the help of David Hemblen, one of the troupe's actors.

They have transferred it from a provincial locale in France to an unidentified town in Canada.

Delicatessen is a frightening look at a middle class family whose relationships are as sterile as the spotlessly clean kitchen they spend a lot of their time in. When a customer dies, the mother and father discuss the event in terms of the business she represented at the cash register. When the TV drones on during their lunch, the parents and their maid make comments on the news which are reminiscent of the rednecks of the deep south.

The son, a real lout, shatters the calm whenever he appears, usually drunk. The content of the TV news suggests the arrival of a voyeur society.

The production of Delicatessen in Belgium had to be guarded by police because so many people were upset by what they perceived to be rough handling of a kitten and goldfish during the play. Its real violence, however, breeds in the hearts of the family.

The actors, Al Kozlik, Marion Gilsenan, Dan Lett, Joyce Campion and Daniel Allman are letter perfect in their roles.

One critic has suggested that Delicatessen is a picture of what George Orwell had in mind for 1984. It is indeed a dispiriting play, but the theatre is a legitimate vehicle to present hard lessons.

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Arts

Stage entrepreneur hopes to establish Yiddish theatre

By
RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —
Anybody who was in Montreal during the late 60s and early 70s remembers a golden age of professional Yiddish theatre, typified by such hits as Shulamith, The Jolly Pauper, The Witch, Happiness in Montreal and Hello Tel Aviv.

These grand-scale musicals not only attracted Canada's top Jewish talent at the time, but also incorporated Les Grands Ballets Canadiens in thrilling dance sequences. And at Expo 67, audiences from around the world enjoyed, at the Theatre du Canada, the biblical-comedy play Adam and Eve.

Now, the person responsible for all this exciting Jewish cultural activity, Chaim Avron, is in Toronto, hoping to establish a similar professional Jewish theatre enterprise here and thus bring to Toronto the same degree of ferment which made Montreal, for a brief period, the top Jewish cultural centre in the Diaspora.

Chaim Avron

Born in Romania in 1922, Chaim Avron has a background of solid academic and practical theatrical achievement, developed at a time when Romania was a focal point for war-displaced Eastern European intellectuals.

After graduating from Bucharest's Academy of Music and Arts, he was an assistant drama professor to Maestro Eleazar Semo.

Upon arrival in Israel in the early 1950s, Avron, besides being a drama critic for Hebrew, Yiddish and Romanian newspapers there, and a broadcaster for the Romanian language wing of Kol Yisrael, was a founder and artistic director of three theatrical companies: Haolim Theatre, The Modern Theatre, and The Musical Yiddish Theatre, as well as being a member of the Israel Chamber Theatre, Ohel Theatre and the military theatre "HaCarmel."

Upon arrival in Canada, he founded and was artistic director of the Canadian Jewish Theatre Foundation, which produced professional musicals under the auspices of the federal government, and the patronage of Prime Minister Trudeau. It was probably the most ambitious and successful Jewish cultural undertaking that Canada has ever experienced.

Chaim Avron is an accomplished man of letters as well. He is the author of two novels: Goodbye, My Old Street (1951) and A House of Lonely Women (1953). In addition, he is a renowned translator of classics.

Chaim Avron's uniqueness stems from his ideal fusion of artistic creativity with superb proven business management and entrepreneurial abilities.

He has impressive experience in arts and business administration, supervision, public relations, budgeting, financing, manpower, and dealing with various ministries on all government levels. It was such dealings which enabled him to achive the tremendous success with his Montreal productions.

The European artistic tours which he arranged include traveling engagements by the Taiwan Opera, the Budapest Symphony, the Swiss Opera-Argau, La Compagnia d'Opera Milano, Camerata Los Angeles, Israel folk-dance troupes, La Fiesta Gitana of Spain and the Stars of Faith.

In 1973, under government sponsorship, he visited a number of East European countries including the Soviet Union to promote the idea of the First World Festival of Jewish Theatre.

Today, Chaim Avron is the director-producer of International Performing Arts and writes a column for New York's top Yiddish paper, Der Algemeiner Journal.

Toronto is extremely fortunate to have him here, and his presence promises to be a catalyst for what is hoped to be a vital professional Jewish cultural scene in the near future.

He has already had extensive discussions with a few community leaders here with the aim of pursuing this worthwhile goal, and anybody else who is interested in such relevant discussions with him are advised to contact Chaim Avron at (416) 787-3790.

Cookbooks give dieters hope of freeing themselves from fat

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

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Falasha documentary wins festival award

TORONTO —
Falasha: Exile of the Black Jews, a Canadian-made documentary, has won the award for the best film at the 18th Annual Hemisfilm International Festival, which was held in San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 29 - Feb. 1.

The Canadian production beat out another Canadian film for the top prize of best film. John Zaritsky's Just Another Missing Kid won the best long documentary award.

Falasha: Exile of the Black Jews was co-produced by Simcha Jacobovici, Jamie Boyd and Susan Price — all of Toronto. It now qualifies for an Academy Award nomination as it played for several weeks last October to critical acclaim in Los Angeles at Cineplex, Beverly Center.

The documentary explores the response of the world Jewry to the plight of the Black Jews still living in Ethiopia.

The film is also competing for a Genie Award for best feature documentary.

Film takes a look at PM's marriage

TORONTO —
It was the Canadian love story of the century — Pierre Trudeau's marriage to Margaret Sinclair, an attractive, oozingly sincere flower child of 22.

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Griffiths plays all three roles — that of Margaret, Pierre and Henry, an Ottawa journalist. She is, no doubt, a talented actress, exuding enormous energy and beauty. But the teleplay would have been better served had it not relied solely on Griffths, and had its script not been so flat and melodramatic at times.

Maggie & Pierre would have been far more interesting and realistic if it had not been merely a showcase for Linda Griffiths' acting abilities, and had the script dispensed with useless frivolities.

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Kalchman pleasantly surprised

Divers show impressive form despite injuries

sports scene

By GARY COHEN

Two of Canada's top Jewish divers made strong returns from recent injuries last week at the John Dickinson Invitational diving meet held in Toronto.

Competing in his first meet since suffering a hairline fracture of the left ankle while training for last year's Pan Am Games, Saul Marks of Kingston, ranked fifth nationally among male divers, produced fourth place finishes in the men's open 1-metre, 3-metre and tower competitions at the Invitational.

Meanwhile, Mindy Kalchman, 17, of Toronto came up with a pair of unexpected performances to place second in the girls' 15-17 tower event and third in the women's open tower division.

Kalchman, who along with Marks trains at the University of Toronto Diving Club under national coach Skip Phoenix, has been recuperating from a nerve problem in her shoulder which kept her out of action for several months.

Kalchman, who hadn't dived off the tower since the summer of 1982, admitted that she was pleasantly surprised by her results. "I aimed for consistency and stuck with the dives I'm comfortable with," she said. "I was very relaxed for the meet. Skip [Phoenix] really settled me down by coming over during the meet and telling me 'don't forget, you're here to have fun."

She added that diving off the tower "felt comfortable — it just felt right."

Marks was not as impressed with his own showing. "I could have done a lot better," he said. "I dove consistently, but I didn't really do anything spectacular."

The one complex dive he did attempt off the tower — a back three-and-a-half — was poorly put in and probably cost him a top three finish in that event. Ironically, Marks was doing that same dive when he broke his ankle last year.

Marks said he was not in top form for the meet, but is more concerned with peaking for the Canadian nationals to be held in Calgary on March 20 where he hopes to land an Olympic berth. In the interim, he will compete at the Pan Am Invitational in Winnipeg on Feb. 4 and then travel to the Ontario provincials on Feb. 11.

Up-and-coming young Jewish diver Andre Sabbah of Montreal also turned in a sterling performance at the meet. Sabbah swept to victories in the boys' 10-and-under 1-metre and 3-metre events and the boys' 12-and-under tower competition.

The 3-day meet attracted 40 divers representing 25 clubs from both the U.S. and Canada.

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Abel Kiviat, the United States' oldest living Olympian, was recently inducted into the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame located in Netanya, Israel.

Kiviat, 91, was officially notified of his election into the Hall by the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel at a special U.S. Olympic Invitational Meet luncheon during which he and great American track star Wilma Rudolph were named winners of the 1983 Vitalis Cup For Sports Excellence.

The announcement took place in New York City, but the actual award presentation will be made at the 15th edition of the Vitalis/U.S. Olympic Invitational Meet in the Byrne Meadowlands Arena on Feb. 11.

Kiviat, who may be as well known for the fact that he roomed with the legendary Jim Thorpe at the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm as for his own sporting exploits, was an outstanding track and field athlete who won nine national titles competing in events from the 600-yard sprint to cross-country.

At one time, Kiviat held indoor world records in the 600-yard, 1,000-yard and 1-mile distances. He also captured a silver medal in the 1,500-metres at the 1912 Olympics, just being edged out at the wire by England's Arnold Jackson.

In qualifying for the Olympics, Kiviat established a world record time for the 1,500-metres of 3:55.8, a mark which endured as a world time for five years and as an American record for 16 years.

At one time or another, Kiviat held seven world records in track.

Last year, on his 90th birthday, Kiviat was presented with the President's Medal of the New York Runners Club by Fred Lebow, organizer of the New York Marathon.

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The 12th Maccabiah Games are just around the corner and members of various selection committees are hard at work identifying Jewish athletes throughout Ontario who are eligible to compete in the Games.

The Maccabiahs, which will take place in Israel in July of 1985, will have 31 different sports on the agenda.

Canada will not send competitors in all these sports, but those being considered are: badminton, basketball, clay pigeon, diving, fencing, soccer, golf, gymnastics, handball, judo, karate, lawn bowling, mini-soccer, shooting, squash, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track and field, volleyball, weightlifting, wrestling and sailing.

If you feel that you are a qualified athlete in any of these disciplines and wish to travel to Israel in 1985, the Ontario Maccabiah Games Association is requesting that you fill out an application form for its use in picking a Canadian team.

The Ontario Maccabi Games Association is located at 9 Brockhouse Rd., Toronto, M8W 2W8. You can either pick up an application form or contact Ontario Maccabi chairman Sid Greenberg at [416] 259-6692 to make the appropriate arrangements.

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Don Mills Wasters provided the highlight in last week's B'nai B'rith hockey league action as they came back from an early 3-0 deficit to capture a 4-3 victory over BI Division rivals Canyon Kings.

Brian Maskowitz potted the winning goal with four seconds left in the game to cap the Wasters' comeback.

The come-from-behind win offset a 2-0 Don Mills defeat at the hands of Maccabiah Red Wings. Alvin Merman and Billy Berger each scored a goal and added an assist to support the shutout goaltending of Steve Rosen to lead Red Wings in that contest.

Elsewhere in BI Division, Steve Schachter notched the winner as Red Wings added a 3-1 win over Leonard Mayzel Black Hawks; Jay Rose scored the winning marker as Black Hawks rebounded with a tight 3-2 victory over Toronto Freedom Lodge Realtors; Realtors buried Toronto Freedom Blue Notes 8-1 behind two goals each from David Kosoy and Sam Weinberg.

Blue Notes made amends as four different players scored to produce a 4-1 win against Don Mills Axemen; and Kings had to settle for a 3-3 draw against Toronto Freedom Feathers who got a pair of goals, including the equalizer, from Peter Kirsch.

In BII Division results, Leonard Mayzel Red Hawks got their first win of the season blanking Canyon Crush 4-0 as Phil Beder collected two goals and an assist to back the shutout goaling of Gary Buckspan; Harold Cares registered a goal and two assists to pace Upper Canada Bruins to a 6-3 win over Manor Metropolitan Wolverines; and Robert Pfeffer scored twice, including the tying marker, to lift Forrestdale Sting into a 4-4 draw with Forrestdale Flyers.

In C Division action, David Davidson scored three times and Wilf Goldlust added a pair to spark Don Mills Princes to an easy 7-2 win over Mixed Marauders; Jeff Cohen scored twice and Luke Sklar was perfect in the nets as Forrestdale Blades snuffed Canyon Flying Bagels' 3-game win streak with a 5-0 win.

Saul Greenspan got the shutout, while Phil Naiman scored three times and assisted on a pair to lead Maccabiah Bruins to a convincing 8-0 whitewash of Maccabiah Weiss Guys.

In last week's only A Division match, Neil Simon scored the hat trick and Ralph Sobranno added a goal and two assists to lead Canyon Brokers to a 6-2 decision over Toronto Freedom North Stars.

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Judi Blumberg of Tarzana, Calif. and partner Michael Seibert of Washington, Pa., last week earned an Olympic Games berth in Sarajevo by successfully defending their U.S. national ice dancing pairs title at the U.S. figure skating championships held in Salt Lake City.

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Travel

Texas seaport favorite of bird watchers

People, birds flock southward to escape snow, cold

By JAMES MONTAGNES

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas —

To this seaport on the Gulf of Mexico come many winter vacationers and visitors, people and birds. Both species come to escape the snow and the cold, and the humans also come to see the rare birds which fly from northern Canada south to nest on the warm beaches and sand dunes.

Whooping cranes are among the rarest of large North American birds, saved only in recent decades from extinction. They arrive from northern Alberta to spend the winter months at Aransas National Wildlife Refugee, just north of the city.

Whooping cranes are so rare they are counted as they fly in during October and again as they fly north in spring. There are still less than a hundred of them, and tens of thousands of humans come to have a look at them during the winter.

On Wednesdays and the three weekend days there is a boat trip from nearby Rockport to the wildlife refuge, and another boat trip out of Port Aransas up the Intracoastal Canal to the bird sanctuary.

And for bird watchers spending the winter in the area they can also see colorful roseate spoonbills, brown pelicans, peregrine falcons and even bald eagles.

Wide sand beaches near Corpus Christi, Texas, are popular with visitors.

Corpus Christi has much more than nearby bird sanctuaries to bring the many "Winter Texans" to its area. Palm-tree lined driveways along its waterfront have fine residential areas, numerous hotels, motels and condominium apartments in all price ranges.

Marinas along the waterfront are filled with yachts of the local residents and vacationers who come by water from all parts of North America.

The city is rapidly developing into a cultural centre, with a fine art gallery which has continually changing exhibits in the fields of modern photography, sculpture and American painting.

There is a bright museum featuring marine, animal and human life of the area with dioramas, displays of "touch it" items such as rocks, stuffed animals, handicraft work, and other objects.

To enhance the international flavor of the city there is also a Japanese art museum with material from many parts of Asia.

Fishing is a major sport here on the Gulf of Mexico for sea trout, redfish, red snapper in the shallow waters along the bays and shore areas.

In the open waters of the Gulf you can try for Spanish mackerel, sailfish, marlin, tarpon and kingfish.

In the fresh water of Lake Corpus Christi you'll find white and black bass, catfish and crappie.

The city has a number of public and private golf courses, several dozen tennis courts, more than 150 parks, two auto racing tracks, riding stables, rodeo grounds, and a number of public swimming pools.

Roads are excellent. The region is flat and you can see for miles. Modern bridges high over the water are free, connecting Corpus Christi with nearby islands.

You can make long circle tours between the city on the mainland and nearby islands, practically all the time within sight of the Gulf of Mexico or the inland waterways.

Nearby Aransas Pass is considered locally as the world's shrimp capital with as many as 500 shrimp trawlers anchored there in season. On the way across the bridges or by ferry from Corpus Christi to Aransas Pass and port Aransas on Mustang Island you may see porpoises frolicking in the Ship Channel.

On Mustang Island you can enjoy hiking along the sand dunes or go beachcombing for shells, or watch the surfers coming in on the rollers of the Gulf of Mexico.

During the winter months it is not unusual to find at public buildings and hotels not only the Stars and Stripes of the United States flying from a flagpole, but also the Texan flag, Canada's flag and that of Mexico in honor of the many visitors from those areas.

Should you stay or come the last week of April, the annual Buccaneer Days celebration recalls the days when pirates roamed this area. Today the pirates are bikini-clad young girls who force the city's mayor to walk the plank.

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The passing of a tradition

Catskills "kuchaleins" reminder of a pleasant past

By SHEILA DROPKIN

For most people, the Catskill Mountain resort area emits visions of the major hotels like Grossingers and the Concord, along with terrific entertainment and even more terrific food.

But for New Yorkers, especially in the 1940s-1970s, this region also meant a network of "kuchaleins," literally "cook for yourselves." These were rooming houses and developments of self-contained cottages called bungalow colonies to which middle income city dwellers retired every summer, for the entire summer.

Those in the rooming houses rented a bedroom or two, sometimes with a private bath and often without, and had the use of a place to eat in a vast dining room plus a refrigerator and stove in a kitchen cordoned off into little islands of domesticity for each tenant.

To put it mildly, mealtimes were rarely peaceful in such places, with each housewife vying to show off her cooking and baking skills and the children of each family trying to outdo the others in rambunctiousness.

The bungalow colonies were for those with more money to spend, who could afford to pay for the luxury of privacy. Each unit had from one to three bedrooms, a bathroom, fully equipped ktichen and often a screened porch.

Both kinds of resorts offered some sports, some entertainment, an organized day camp for the children and a summer's respite from the exhausting heat of a home or apartment in the city. The wife and children stayed all summer; hubby commuted for weekends and his vacation.

People would often go to the same resort year after year, leaving their country dishes, linens and even clothes in their units, ready for their return each July.

We know that the major hotels are still there, some busier than ever and accommodating visitors from Canada, South America and even Europe in addition to those folks who can drive up in two or three hours. But what about the kuchaleins?

My husband and I recently took a drive back to the past to see whether they are still flourishing. My parents owned a bungalow colony in the 50s and 60s in a small town called Mountaindale, located about 11 miles from Ellenville, where the well-known Nevele is situated. We went there first and found a ghost town.

My family's colony is no more and the six or seven others that dotted the same road are gone or should be, as well. Most of the year 'round residents have also fled and the town itself consists mainly of boarded up stores, staring out onto an empty street.

As we drove around, through Woodbridge, Fallsburg, Monticello and Liberty, we saw more of the same. Some of the places are still open for business. Most of these now cater to ultra-Orthodox Jews, who drape curtains around the swimming pools and bring their necessities with them from the city, since they don't trust the local shops to be sufficiently kosher for their needs. Others are closed, abandoned reminders of a pleasant past.

Many of the private homes are also deserted and others have been converted into rooming houses or apartment blocks for welfare recipients, transferred here by the authorities who thought life would be more pleasant in these small country towns than in the hellholes of Harlem and Bedford Stuyvesant in New York. Some of these people have found employment in the hotels and the few factories in the area, but most still live on the dole because jobs are just too scarce.

What caused the downfall of these places? Progress, prosperity and the desire to travel.

As the incomes of these middle income families increased and the cost of travel decreased, they started going further afield, no longer content to spend every summer in the same place. They sent their children to camp or on student tours across the continent and even across the ocean.

An increasing number of the wives started working outside the homes and the young women who were children not too many years ago are now professionally occupied as business managers, doctors and lawyers. Few people have the luxury to retire for two months in the country; vacations now are for two or three weeks and are taken as often in the winter as in summer.

So the kuchaleins started disappearing — a few more each year, and with them the towns and services they supported. And driving around the Catskills has become a tour of despair.

My children may remember their few summers at their grandparents' bungalow colony but they'll have to develop an entire new set of memories for their children. How sad.

Beware before putting money in timesharing

TORONTO —

If you're thinking of buying a timeshare property, do it with caution and after much investigation.

This is the advice of John Leybourne, director of enforcement for the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC).

He says that while the timeshare industry is generally well-respected, reports are increasing of victims who feel they were duped by high pressure timeshare salesmen and unethical developers.

In timesharing, people buy a holiday interval of one or two weeks (or more) in the same accommodation for the same time each year. It's like buying a piece of a condominium without having to share the full cost.

But Leybourne says consumers should watch out for some basic trouble areas, like knowing whether a timeshare is being sold on a "fee simple" or "right-to-use" basis, the two basic forms of timesharing.

"Fee simple" means a consumer buys title to the property for the same interval each year. "Right-to-use" only grants occupancy rights on a lease usually lasting from 12 to 40 years, but the developer retains ownership.

If someone feels cheated, Leybourne says, "you could complain, but in many instances it doesn't do much good. Even if you take them to court your chances of recovering any money are questionable."

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Travel

Glatt kitchen provides food for Hilton's wedding guests

By
BARUCH SAVILLE

TEL AVIV —
The Tel Aviv Hilton now has a glatt kitchen, thus filling the growing demand of Orthodox Jews, who have long wanted to hold their family celebrations here.

It was appropriate that the introduction of glatt coincided with the largest Orthodox wedding ever held in Israel.

The marriage of 19-year-old Rochella, daughter of Avraham Shapira, industrialist, Knesset member and leader of the Agudath Israel Party, was a difficult test for the Hilton, which it passed with flying colors.

The selection of the Tel Aviv Hilton was a major accomplishment for general manager Dieter Huckestein, who is not Jewish, and who for the six years of his position has been deeply involved in every aspect of Jewish life.

Also outstanding were the efforts of Israeli-born executive chef Ze'ev Keren, the first to hold the post, and Rabbi Menachem Klein, who was given a free hand by the general manager.

Rabbi Klein had the responsibility for supervising the construction of the glatt kitchen, the acquisition of the thousands of items of crockery, cutlery and other equipment and, finally, obtaining the blessing of the rabbinate.

The cream of Orthodox Jewry gathered at Israel's largest Orthodox wedding held at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

According to Hilton estimates, 3,000 well-wishers crowded into the Hilton's large hall, for the wedding, while over 800 guests dined at the sumptuous banquet.

Chief Rabbis, Knesset members, party leaders, Yeshiva heads, rubbed shoulders with diplomats, industrialists, army heads.

The Hilton's pastry cook had his work cut out, making the large wedding cake, which stood some 15 feet high.

The amount of food prepared included 1½ tons of meat, two tons of fruits and vegetables, 1½ tons of cakes and pastries, as well as 1,500 bottles of Lamehadrin wine and 5,000 bottles of kosher soft drinks.

The cost of the function was estimated at well over $100,000. But, as the bride's father pointed out, half the cost was borne by the bridegroom's father, Moshe Dov Drokker, reported to be one of the largest dealers of electronics in the United States.

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Machines can match any interest

Many buyers expect too much from computers

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —
Naomi Katz loves her computer.

She plays games, practices math and writes stories on it.

Naomi also does her homework on the computer because her daddy does his.

The Katz family — Stan, a management consultant with Thorne, Stevenson and Kellogg; Debra, a high school data processing teacher; and 6-year-old Naomi are happy with their Atari 400.

Before they bought it a year ago, they decided exactly what they wanted it for — education for Naomi — and went shopping accordingly. They chose a machine with a large number of educational programs (the Atari has programs from pre-school to pre-university level) that are compatible with other, more powerful Atari systems — an important consideration if you plan to upgrade, or if your model, like the Atari 400, is discontinued.

According to Chris Bennett, manager of the Toronto Pet Users Group (for owners of Commodore computers), many first-time buyers are disappointed because they expect too much from their computer too soon.

"People expect to take it home and start using it. We're so used to buying a new car, jumping in and taking off. But before you could drive your first car, you had to take driving lessons — and you didn't buy a Volkswagen if you wanted to haul heavy freight."

So here is The CJN's guide to driving your first computer around the block.

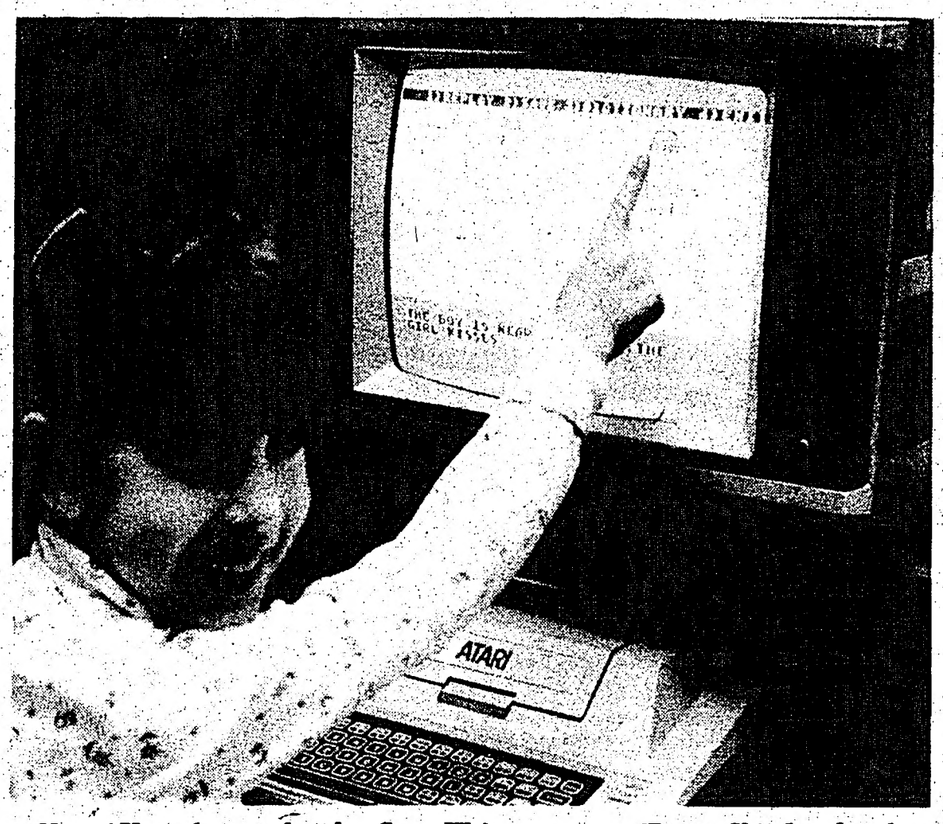
I don't know anything about computers. Where do I start?

Read. Consumer Reports has a special issue on home computers which should be on file in your local library and which gives an excellent overview. But new products are being introduced and old ones discontinued all the time, so once you know the language, you've got to check out the stores. Computer magazines, like Popular Computing (for novices) or InfoAge (Canadian) are also useful, as much for the ads as for the articles.

What will it cost to get it?

The minimum is a keyboard, a central processing unit (CPU) that does the actual computing, and a system to store and run programs, of which the cheapest — and slowest — is a tape cassette.

A simple system can be bought for under $500. In this range, you'll find the Commodore 64 [with a lot of computing power for the price], the new Ataris, and the Radio Shack TRS models. For even less, you can get a VIC-20, a Timex-Sinclair, or a Texas Instruments unit. TI is out of the computing business, but is selling off inventory and is committed to provide programs and backup.



Naomi Katz, 6, at work on her Story Writer program. [Ronny Shinder photo]

But the initial price is just that — the beginning. Typical users double the original purchase price in add-ons to get their system to do what they want it to do.

What do I want it to do?

Home computers can:

- play games, teach you to program and run educational programs (with a color TV, you don't need a monitor);
- do electronic filing and keep track of your budget (if you are willing to enter data meticulously — otherwise, a calculator is faster);
- write, edit and copy letters and manuscripts (word processing is the fastest-growing area of interest right now);
- perform small business functions like billing and inventory control (again, if you enter the data).

When you're sure you know what you want your computer to do, then you can decide where your total investment should go: into software, peripherals, or into a more powerful computer.

Definitions, please.

Software means programs. If you want to play games, learn to program or help your kids to learn, look at the availability of software for your computer.

Peripherals are equipment that can expand the range of your system. The most talked-about now are printers and disc drives. If you're interested in word processing, you must have a word processing program (software) and a printer. The total cost can be double or triple that of the original equipment, depending on how high you want the quality of the reproduction to be.

Disc drives are also expensive, but they increase the number of programs available to you and the speed with which you can work. Word processing with a cassette can be tedious.

Power means, in its simplest definition, memory capacity. The more memory you have, the more data you can store and the more complicated the programs you can use.

For all home and most small business uses, 64K of RAM (random access memory) is adequate, and you can buy memory expanders for computers with less than 64K. For word processing, 48K is just about the minimum.

What is important is that the computer you choose has the power to do what you want it to do.

If you want a computer that can match any interest you develop, and you can afford $1,500 plus to get started, you should look at the Apple IIe and the new IBM PCjr, now available for demonstrations in IBM's product centres.

Apple has made inroads in the educational marketplace, and the IBM PCjr is a scaled-down version of the IBM used in offices — an advantage if you want to bring work home. A fully set up system can run as high as $5,000.

What kind of support do the manufacturers and dealers offer?

Don't expect hours of a salesman's time, says Lewis Bercovitch, president of ComputerLand, if you're looking for an inexpensive unit.

Bercovitch, whose 17-store chain in Ontario and Quebec is getting into the home computer market to sell the IBM PCjr, believes that "there are no bad computers; it's a matter of dealer support and documentation."

His stores provide the backup because, at the high end of the home computer market, it will be worth it. But at the mass market, under $500 level, the profit margin just isn't high enough. And if you buy from a mass merchandise outlet, "where the salesman may have been selling shoes last week," you'll have to rely on the manufacturer's guarantee and service outlets, says Bercovitch.

(Note: U.S. machines may be cheaper to buy, even after paying exchange and duty, but only Radio Shack will honor a U.S. warranty.)

Users' groups — every major brand has them — have sprung up all over the continent. For a nominal membership fee, you receive the in-house magazine and attend meetings where you can trade problems and solutions. You also have access to programs in the public domain.

Computers are now rated for their friendliness — how easy they are to use. But like any good friendship, it takes two to make a go of it. So choose your system carefully — and then get to know it.

Double that figure

A story on car leasing in last week's CJN Business Outlook Supplement [Buy or lease creates dilemma for many drivers, page 35] incorrectly stated that Hav-A-Kar, an independent Toronto leasing firm, currently has "about 250 cars on lease."

In fact, according to Hav-A-Kar owner Terry Green, the Dufferin Ave. leasing company puts 250 new cars on the road each year. In total, Hav-A-Kar has approximately 500 under lease.

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Business Outlook

Different factors decide mortgages

By
HILARY HORLOCK

TORONTO —
There are as many different types of mortgages as there are people applying for them. Each can, and should, be tailor-made to suit the individual's needs and income.

"A mortgage is something you should tailor make to suit your own wellbeing," says Paul Thompson of Canada Trust.

Many factors come into play when trying to decide which type of mortgage is best for you. There are three factors which go hand in hand — the price of the house, the amount of down payment and your income. The higher the down payment, obviously, the less the mortgage will be, and the higher your income, equally as obvious, the greater will be the amount of the mortgage you can afford to carry.

A survey of the major banks and trust companies showed that the average size of mortgages in Toronto in 1983 was between $50,000 and $60,000.

Most mortgages are now offered for 1-, 3- or 5-year terms based on an amortization period of 25 years. Gone are the days of the 25-year mortgage at 9% for the entire term.

To clear up confusion, it is necessary to explain that the term is the actual length of time for which the money is loaned at a particular rate of interest. The amortization is the entire length of time it takes to pay back the principal and interest in whole.

The rate of interest can change many times in an amortization period — the monthly payments are simply recalculated based on the unpaid balance of the principal.

There are two main categories of mortgages and several subcategories.

By law, mortgage companies are not allowed to lend more than 75% of the purchase price of the house to the applicant. If you do not have the 25% down payment required to qualify for a conventional mortgage, you must apply for a high ratio mortgage, which requires that you have 10% of the purchase price. All high ratio mortgages are insured by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) or the Mortgage Insurance Council of Canada.

Most people still opt for the standard long-term payment plan of five years over a 25-year amortization period, a poll of mortgage lenders in Toronto showed recently.

"The advantage of taking a 5-year term mortgage is that you know exactly where you are — there are no surprises and you can budget accordingly for those monthly payments," says Tony Martens of London Life.

The only advantage to taking a 1- or 3-year term, or even a 6-month term, is the savings that can be made if the mortgage rates drop substantially. As Thompson of Canada Trust says, "to some, peace of mind for five years is more important than the possibility of a lower rate."

Canada Trust offers 6-month terms on mortgages, and they proved to be very popular with borrowers — almost 55% of the mortgages assigned to borrowers by Canada Trust in 1983 were for 6-month terms. They appeal, says Thompson, to the more sophisticated borrower who is willing to take a chance on fluctuating interest rates.

Regardless of the type of mortgage you decide to take, the amortization period is critical. A savings of $16,000 can be made by shortening the amortization period five years, based on a $40,000 mortgage at 10%. Over 25 years you would pay back $107,400, but over 20 years you would pay back $91,392, with an increase of only $22 in your monthly payments. Shorten it by 10 years to a 15-year amortization period and you would save almost $31,000, with monthly payments only $67 more.

Weekly mortgages are now available from credit unions and are gaining popularity with borrowers. However, says John Babich of the Jet Power Credit Union, it is important to understand that weekly mortgages are only beneficial when based on a 25-year amortization period.

Mortgages are paid once a week, with the interest calculated weekly on the unpaid balance due. As the amortization period is reduced, the benefit, in terms of savings offered on weekly mortgages, is also drastically reduded.

A $50,000 mortgage at 14% paid monthly over 25 years would cost $176,077.50, while the same mortgage paid weekly would cost $170,006.81. The monthly mortgage would cost $45 more a month than the weekly mortgage.

Every mortgage broker contacted emphasized the necessity of engaging a good lawyer when buying a house and negotiating a mortgage contract.

There are many payment options which may seem confusing to the layman.

Some firms, for instance, offer pre-payment privileges, where up to 10% of the principal amount can be paid off each year without penalty. Other mortgages are classified as "open," "closed," or "semi-open," so it is important to have someone who is familiar with the terms explain them to you.

"Buying a house is the single largest purchase most people will ever make and it will also be their major asset, so it is important that everything be done properly. It is essential that the knowledge of real estate agents with regard to mortgages be upgraded, because some don't have enough knowledge to give advice," says Thompson.

All mortgage brokers are required to have the property being considered for mortgage appraised, regardless of the amount of the mortgage. Be sure to ask if the appraisal fee is included in the purchase price of the house, or if it is extra. Remember, the value is determined on the real estate only — chattels such as fridge, stove, carpets and drapes are not included in the appraised value.

When considering you for a mortgage, a lender will determine your debt service ratio (DSR). This means that the ratio of your mortgage payments to your total gross income cannot exceed 30%. Some mortgage companies will consider both incomes in a family for the DSR and some won't, so be sure to ask.

Once it has been ascertained that you fall within the 30% DSR, you must then qualify for the 37% gross debt service (GDSR). This means that all your debts, including your mortgage, credit card payments, any other loans and any other monies owing cannot exceed 37% of your income.

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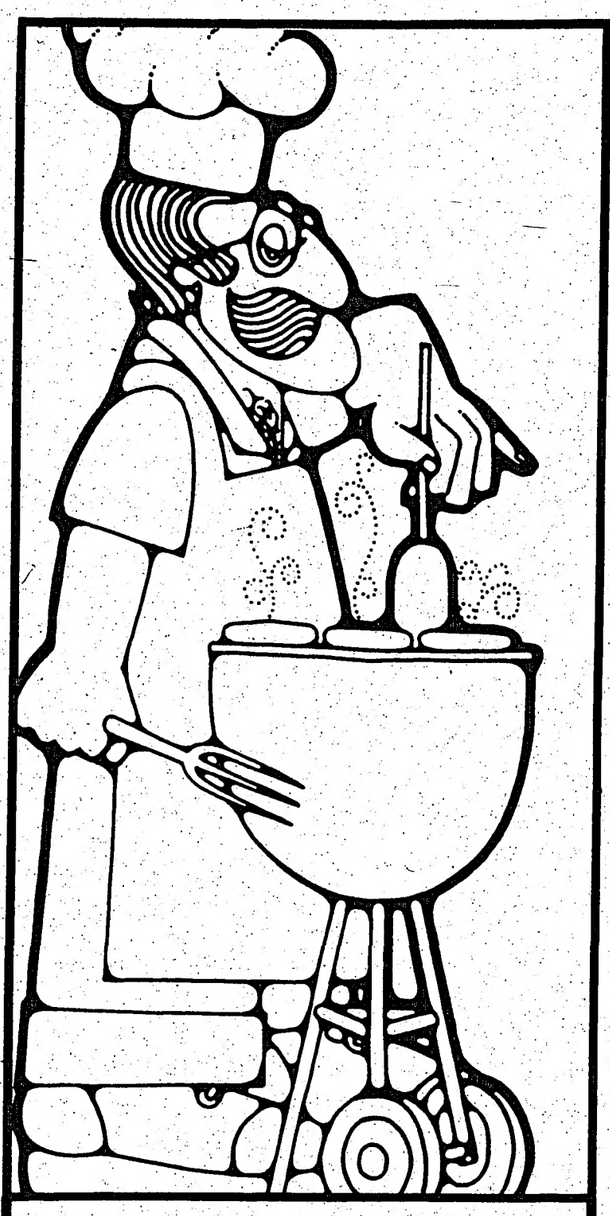

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Gina Bergman on Jan. 13, 1984, late of #1202, 330 Spadina Rd., Toronto, Ontario.
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Eleanor Rosen on Jan. 10, 1984, late of Lincoln Place Nursing Home, Toronto, Ontario.
William Rosen on Jan. 16, 1984, late of 28 Millburn Dr., Etobicoke, Ontario.
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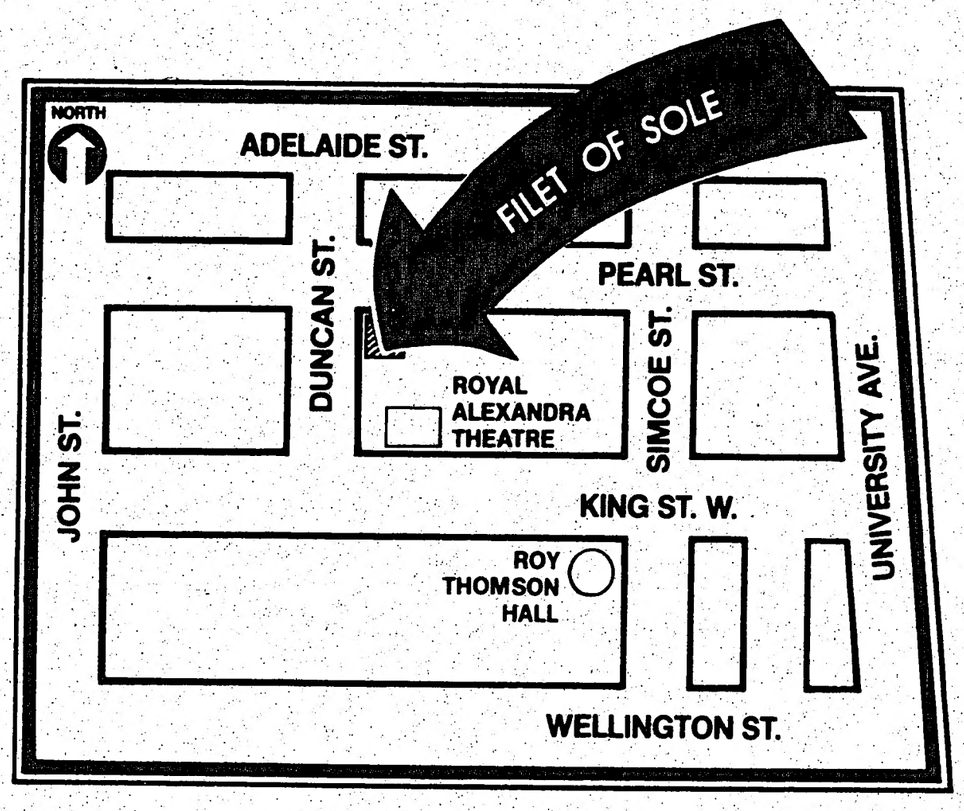

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